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# RUMOUR OF PLOT AGAINST SIGNOR MUSSOLINI

## ACTION AGAINST CHARLES BEDAUX

Johannesburg, To-day.  
A court order has been issued here attaching the person of Charles Bedaux, well-known American efficiency expert and friend of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, on the urgent application of Robert McChesney, engineer, who is bringing an action against Bedaux.  
Nature of the action has not yet been disclosed.  
The judge ordered Bedaux's release on his giving satisfactory security to the sheriff for the amount of costs of the application and action.—Reuter.

## FRANCO FRIENDS IN BRUSSELS DISTURBANCE

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.  
SYMPATHISERS WITH GENERAL FRANCO SEIZED THE REPUBLICAN CASA DE ESPANA (SPAIN HOUSE) YESTERDAY.  
They raided the building at night and locked up the concierge and his wife, and when the secretary arrived, forced him to sign a document transferring the building to General Franco's representatives.  
The police having failed to dislodge the usurpers in the morning, the fire brigade was called.  
They erected a fire escape, and officials climbed to the balcony, whence the occupants admitted them to the building.  
FORMAL COMPLAINT  
While the fire escape was being placed in position the red-gold-red flag of the Spanish Nationalists was hoisted, and the Republican banner of red-gold-purple which had been flown since the death of the Pope, hauled down and torn to pieces.  
The Republican secretary was released.  
The Spanish Embassy has made a formal complaint to the public prosecutor. Eight Spanish Nationalists were later taken to the Palais de Justice.—Reuter.

ROME, TO-DAY.  
IT IS REPORTED THAT A "MADMAN" FIRED TWO SHOTS AT A DETECTIVE WHO ASKED TO SEE HIS PAPERS OUTSIDE THE VILLA TORONIA, MUSSOLINI'S RESIDENCE, ON WEDNESDAY.

It is stated that the detective was wounded, but there is no suggestion that Mussolini was present.  
This incident, only revealed yesterday, apparently led to rumours abroad that an attempt had been made to assassinate Il Duce.

The report is described in Rome as "fantastic," and it is pointed out that all former attempts to assassinate Mussolini have been disclosed.  
An official communique says: "The report that an attempt was recently made on the life of the Head of the Government, is false."  
"The rumour arose out of an incident caused by a madman who fired shots in the Via Nomentana, which runs near Mussolini's residence."  
"A further communique will be issued later."

### NO EVIDENCE

Inquiries have led to no evidence, but it is rumoured that the incident in which the detective is said to have been wounded, occurred on Wednesday morning, half an hour before Mussolini generally leaves the Villa Toronia for the Palazzo Venezia.  
The precincts of the villa are always very closely guarded.—Reuter.

## U.S. NAVAL AIR BASES APPROVED FOR PACIFIC

Washington, To-day.  
The naval committee of the House of Representatives yesterday finally approved the \$52,000,000 naval air base programme, including the items which were the subject of controversy, and \$5,000,000 for improvement of aviation facilities at Guam.  
The authorisation bill covers 11 major bases in the Pacific and Atlantic.  
The committee eliminated \$15,000,000 for a base at Jacksonville pending further study.—Reuter.

## HUGH WILSON AT SECRET SESSION

Washington, To-day.  
Mr. Hugh Wilson, United States Ambassador to Germany who is "on leave," yesterday discussed European conditions before the Senate military affairs committee in a closed session.

It is reported that even the official stenographer was excluded from the session.  
All the Senators were sworn to secrecy but it is reported that Mr. Wilson declined to answer many "important" questions on the ground that the international situation was too grave.—Reuter.

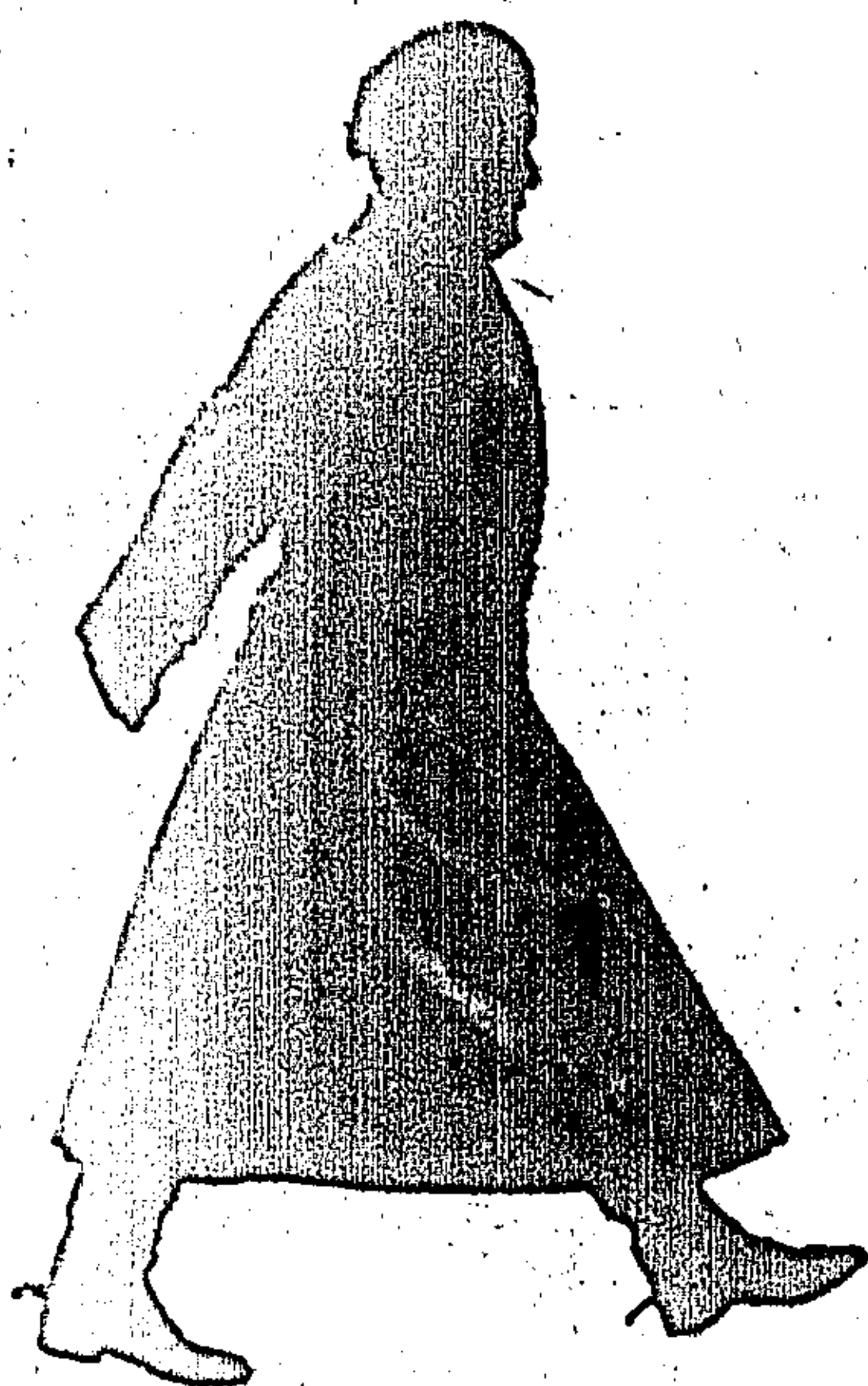
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# March of a Dictator—6 by FRANK OWEN



## My Government Policy to GOVERN!

In Mussolini's first Ministry were four Fascists, two Service officers, one Nationalist, two National Liberals, two Catholics, two Democrats, one Socialist.

He writes: "It was the last generous gesture I ever made towards the old Italian ring of parties and politicians."

The Opposition took heart. Five great parties, representing a majority in Parliament and country, vehemently criticised Mussolini. Eighty per cent. of Italy's Press was anti-Fascist. The *Becco Giallo*, Yellow Beak, Rome's leading comic newspaper put on 50,000 circulation laughing at him.

The Fascist reprisal was left to the storm troop militia. They clubbed and castor-oiled their critics and burned their offices. A new orgy of lawlessness swept the land.

It found its peak in the murder of Matteotti.

Giacomo Matteotti, the Socialist, was the son of rich parents, a university man, doctor of law, a fine mind, precise and logical; in political standing and in culture he would rank in our day with Leon Blum, the French Socialist leader.

He had a sharp eye and a sharper tongue. About the spring of 1924 he began to ply Mussolini with questions in the Chamber. With a howl of glee the hostile Press joined in the hunt.

On June 6 five men called on Matteotti as he came out of his house. One of them struck him to the ground. Others hit him in the face as he lay. They picked him up and flung him into their car. Matteotti was never seen again.

Rumours of kidnapping, murder, and later, of mutilation, ran through the city. Grave unrest was dominant. An uprising was feared. The Fascist militia were mobilised.

Next day, Cesare Rossi, head of the Italian Press office, reported to Mussolini that Matteotti had indeed been taken for a ride. Mussolini at once requested Signora Matteotti to come to see him. When she appeared he stood up in silent salute. She wept. "The Government will do its utmost

duty," Mussolini promised. The chief assassin was arrested the same night.

A furious outcry arose. Newspaper denunciation, protests, telegrams, fell like hail about the Head of the Government. Mussolini was calm, unusually conciliatory. In Parliament he proclaimed again that the law would be enforced, the guilty punished, the crime avenged. Indeed, he asked, who, after the victim, suffers most by such a diabolical wickedness? The Head of the Government himself!

It was true. The regime was shaken from top to toe. General De Bono, future invader of Abyssinia, who was then chief of Rome police, Finzi, Home Secretary, and Cesare Rossi, were all accused of complicity. They were examined.

The agitation did not subside. The Opposition believed that at last they had got hold of a rod for Mussolini. Act of incredible folly—they withdrew from Parliament! They conceived this gesture to be Dignity. It was Abdication.

In December a second blow fell upon Mussolini. Cesare Rossi, on his own subsequent admission, closely concerned in this abominable murder, had gone into hiding. By way of political blackmail he had written a "confession."



Power.

declaring that Mussolini himself had an "ambiguous situation" in relation to the crime. Cesare Rossi also listed various other assaults committed by strong-arm squads, sometimes resulting in grave wounds, sometimes in death, which he charged to Mussolini.

This gangster's testimony has received in responsible quarters the value which it deserves. Mussolini, aware that it was coming out, published it in advance, thereby showing once more that he was an excellent journalist as well as a shrewd politician.

The later history of Rossi is worth a paragraph. He kept clear of Italy until in 1930 he was foolish enough to venture near the Swiss Italian frontier, it is said, in company with an attractive lady. He was seized and gaoled. In his cell he wrote a second "confession," withdrawing the first, and he is still working out his sentence.

Dumini, chief of the Matteotti murderers, was put on trial with the rest of his gang. He behaved with unbounded insolence and with two others was found guilty of unintentional homicide and sentenced to five years. Dumini hereafter disappears from history. General de Bono stood trial before the Senate and was acquitted for lack of evidence against him. Other high Fascists were acquitted on the grounds that they ordered the kidnapping of Matteotti but not his murder.

Mussolini has been accused a thousand times, and in a thousand tongues, of this crime. Neither his responsibility nor his complicity has been estab-

lished. Certainly he profited nothing out of it. The consequences of it to him were damaging and very nearly deadly.

But even this appalling affair did not put an end to the violent blood-letting which marked the first ten years of Mussolini's rule.

Mussolini moved to strengthen his power. The blackshirt militia were permitted the run of the streets again, the police winked. By decree a Press censorship was imposed—first step towards its final fate to become the gramophone of Government.

The Freemasons, once the focus of the movement for Italian liberation from the Austrian Empire, were the next to feel the screw. They retained many of their old liberal ideas. Mussolini had hated them even as a Socialist. The Blackshirts were given first crack at them—as every now and then the radical Nazi Storm-troops are "appeased" with a bite at the Jews. American Freemasons reckon that a thousand Masonic lodges and clubs were burned or broken up in this pogrom.

Grand Master and Grand Past Masters were deported or imprisoned. Mussolini charged the entire institution with graft and blackmail, and declared that it intrigued against the Government. It was dissolved. When the Freemasons demonstrated against this decree, as in Florence, official police action was launched against them and in the fighting many were killed.

In the same tactic of crushing down all opposition was the disbandment of the Royal Guards a semi-military formation set up by former Liberal Governments to offset the Carabinieri who had a long record of reaction—much as the Spanish Republicans in 1936 created the Assault Guard to match the old Civil Guard. The Royal Guards of Italy were not dismissed without a struggle.

Swiftly in succession came the clean-up of the Mafia, the secret society blackmailing racket which was the father and mother of the American gang business with its traditional Italian bosses such as Al Capone. Then a secret police, the O.V.R.A., Italian counterpart of the Russian O.G.P.U. and model for the future Nazi Gestapo. Mussolini stamped upon all organisations except his own.

As power passed to him so did peril. Mussolini became the target for innumerable bullets.

As early as 1922, at the Lausanne Conference, an American reporter found Mussolini loading a gun. He asked this unusual politician what he was preparing to do.

"Why, shoot first," said Mussolini, evidently astonished.

"Shoot whom?"

"The fellow who is trying to shoot me!"

He was already convinced that Dictators were certain to be assassinated—unless they themselves got off their bullets in good time.

Early in 1923 a sentry fired at Mussolini.

Later in the same year Mussolini's chauffeur was killed by a bullet directed from one of the houses on the hill above the Colosseum. The unfortunate chauffeur was sitting by his side as Mussolini drove the car.

In 1924 his entourage were greeted with a volley as they returned to Rome—by accident without him.

In 1925, Armistice Day, Signor Zambroni, a Socialist and Freemason, was discovered at a window looking down on the ceremony with a fine-sighted Austrian rifle in his hands.

In 1926 the Hon. Violet Gibson shot at Mussolini as he emerged from the Congress of Surgeons. If this was also staged the producer cut his margins fine. The Duce was hit in the nose.

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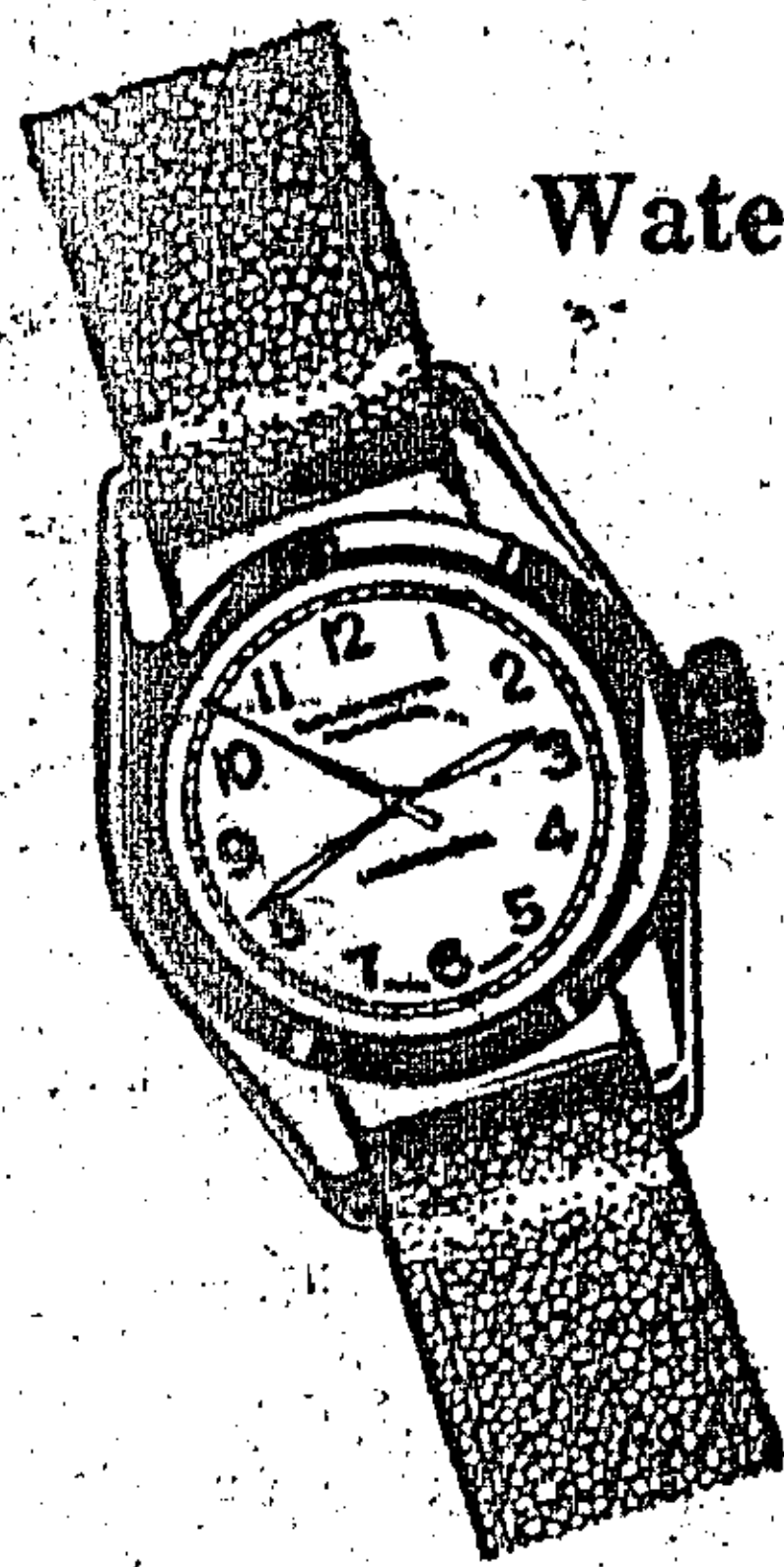
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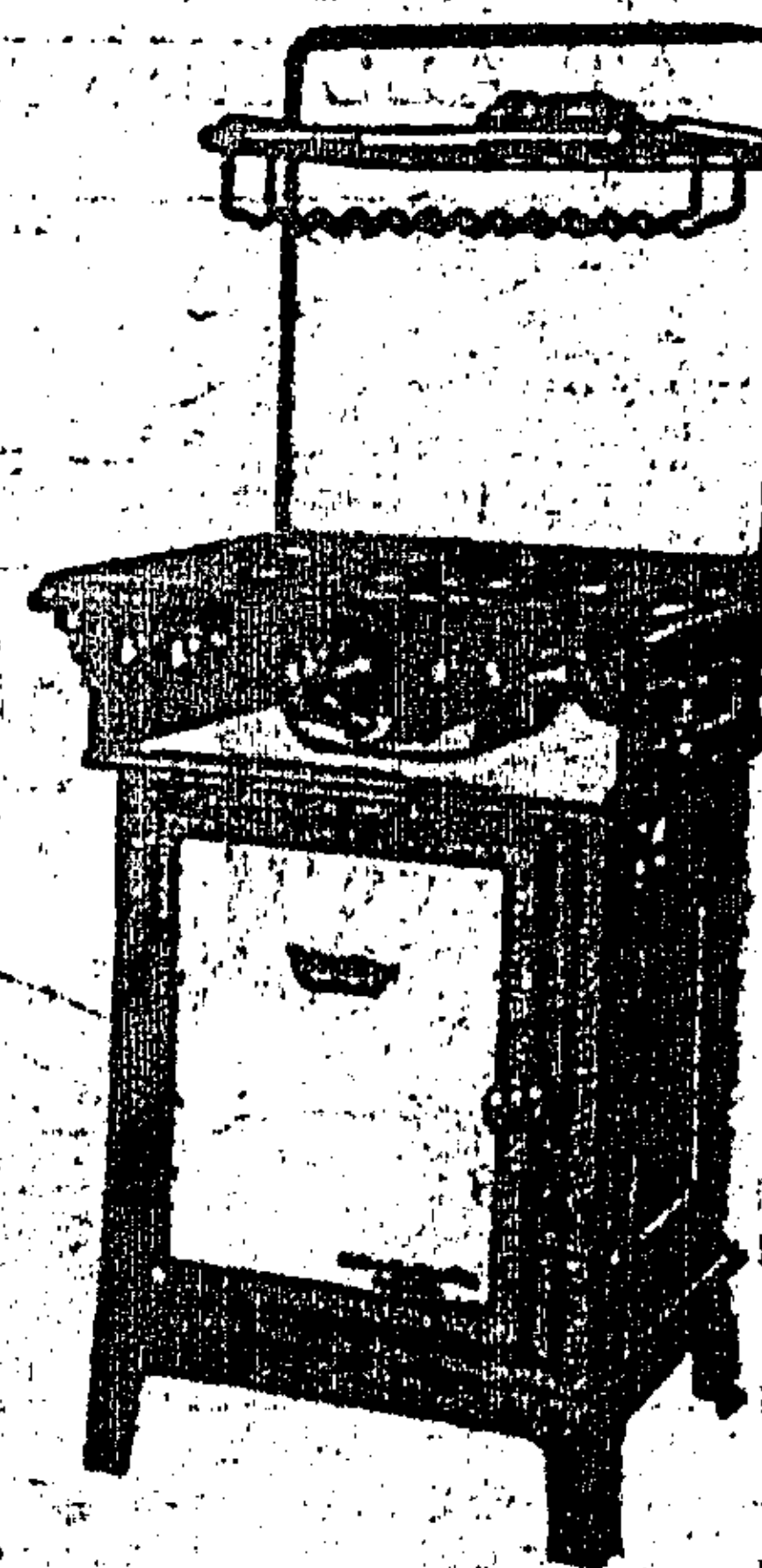


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# BLUNT THREAT OF WAR BY ITALY: FRANCE MUST DISGORGE---OR ELSE

ROME, FEBRUARY 11.

FRANCE MUST GIVE UP TUNISIA, SUEZ, DJIBOUTI, CORSICA, AND NICE TO ITALY, FAILING WHICH ITALY IS READY TO GO TO WAR, THE SEMI-OFFICIAL WEEKLY, "RELAZIONI INTERNAZIONALI," DECLARED TO-DAY. THE PAPER ADDED THAT ITALIAN TROOPS WILL REMAIN IN SPAIN TO "WATCH FRENCH POLICIES." "ITALIAN AND GERMAN CLAIMS ARE BASED ON INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE, AND DEMOCRATIC THREATS, EVEN OF THE 'ROOSEVELTIAN TYPE,' WILL FAIL TO CHECK THEM.

"In Spain, Italy, saved Europe and Italy will remain in Spain until General Franco's victory has been completely consolidated," the journal continued. "Italy is to remain in Spain until France makes her policies clear. If it is in the vital interests of France to prevent foreign interference, in Spain it is the same for Italy. Therefore it is a good thing that Italy will stay in Spain to watch the developments of French policies. The obstinate French refusal to accept Italy, natural aspirations will be fatal for France herself and for Europe. If Italy's aspirations are not satisfied by means of negotiations, they will be satisfied by arms. The alternative is clear. The French Government and people must choose."

The paper then enumerated Italy's claims.

**"HISTORIC POSSESSIONS"**

"Italy claims no more and no less than what historically belongs to her," the journal went on. Her African claims are Tunisia, Suez, and Djibouti. Djibouti is not on the Mediterranean but it is a most convenient means of access to the Italian Empire and the key to Italy's house cannot remain in someone else's hands."

"The Corsican problem must be settled as well, the paper asserted. "And this, because it is a fundamental element of Italy's system of security. On the other hand, the Italian people cannot tolerate that men of their race, speaking their language should be at the service of a Foreign Power. Nice is as Italian as Piedmont and the ties between both territories were broken by a plebiscite which should be revised in the best interests of France herself."

**"UNLESS OR" THREAT**

These Italian claims must be satisfied in accordance with the explicit wish of the Italian people "falling which France will become Italy's worst type of enemy."

"The Italian people will destroy their enemies by arms," the paper concluded. "Does France realize

## CZECH RELIEF FUND CLOSED

Prague, To-day.

It is officially announced that Sir Ronald Maclean's mission as administrator of the Lord Mayor of London's Czech Relief Fund having achieved its objects, his offices here will be closed to-day. —Reuter.

## COUNT CIANO'S WARSAW VISIT

Warsaw, To-day.

Count Ciano who will arrive here on February 25 will, according to an official statement, stay four days in Poland, two in Warsaw, one in Cracow in order to place a wreath on the tomb of Marshal Pilsudski, and one hunting in the Bialowiez Forests.

The Warsaw programme includes the reception of Count Ciano by the Polish President with a luncheon given by Marshal Rydz Smigly, a reception and banquet at the Polish Embassy, the placing of a wreath at the monument of the Unknown Soldier and a reception by the Association of Polish Aviators. —Trans-Ocean.

## TELEKI CABINET SWORN IN

Budapest, To-day.

The new Cabinet of Count Teleki was yesterday sworn in by the Regent, Admiral Horthy. Parliament is to meet on Tuesday when Count Teleki will make a statement which is not expected to contain anything new.

M. Imredy, in a letter by the Regent, was thanked for his successful services as Prime Minister. —Trans-Ocean.

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It is held probable that, in referring to Suez, the paper meant the Suez Canal Co.—Hayak.

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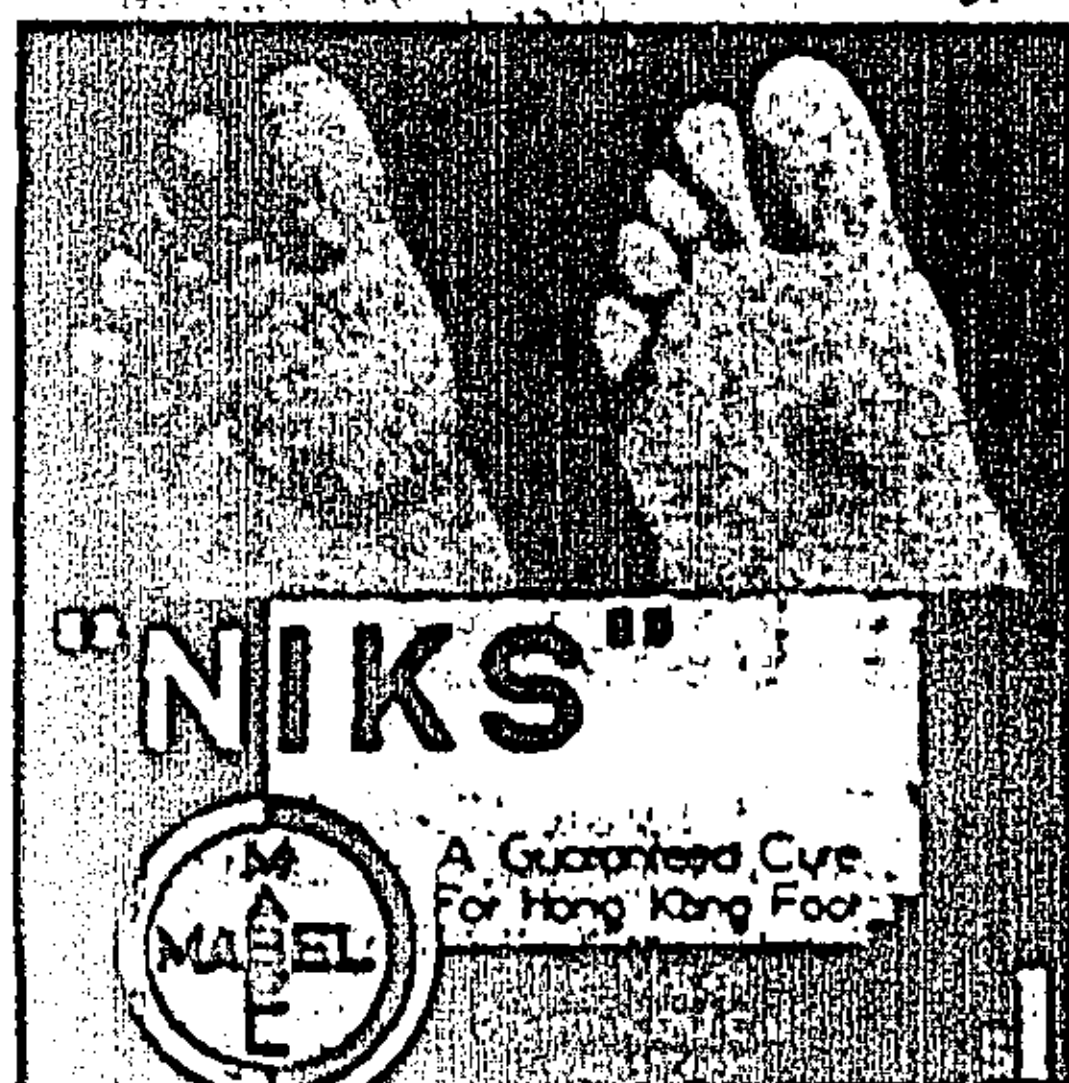
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## CENSORS BAN FILMS IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, February 12.

Because it is "political," a re-issue of Universal's film version of Eric Maria Remarque's war book, "All Quiet On the Western Front," has been banned by the Straits Settlements film censor. The film was shown in the Colony when it was made a few years ago.

For the same reason, a Paramount newsreel, "World Condemns Programme," will also not be shown here. It deals with Germany's anti-Jewish drive.

"Sworn Enemy" (M. G. M.) "The Affairs of Annabel" (R. K. O.) and "Border G-Men" (R. K. O.) have been banned because of "excessive gunplay," and "Crime School" (Warners) because it shows juvenile criminals.

Several Chinese films have been rejected by the censor because they are "political" or propaganda.—Reuter.

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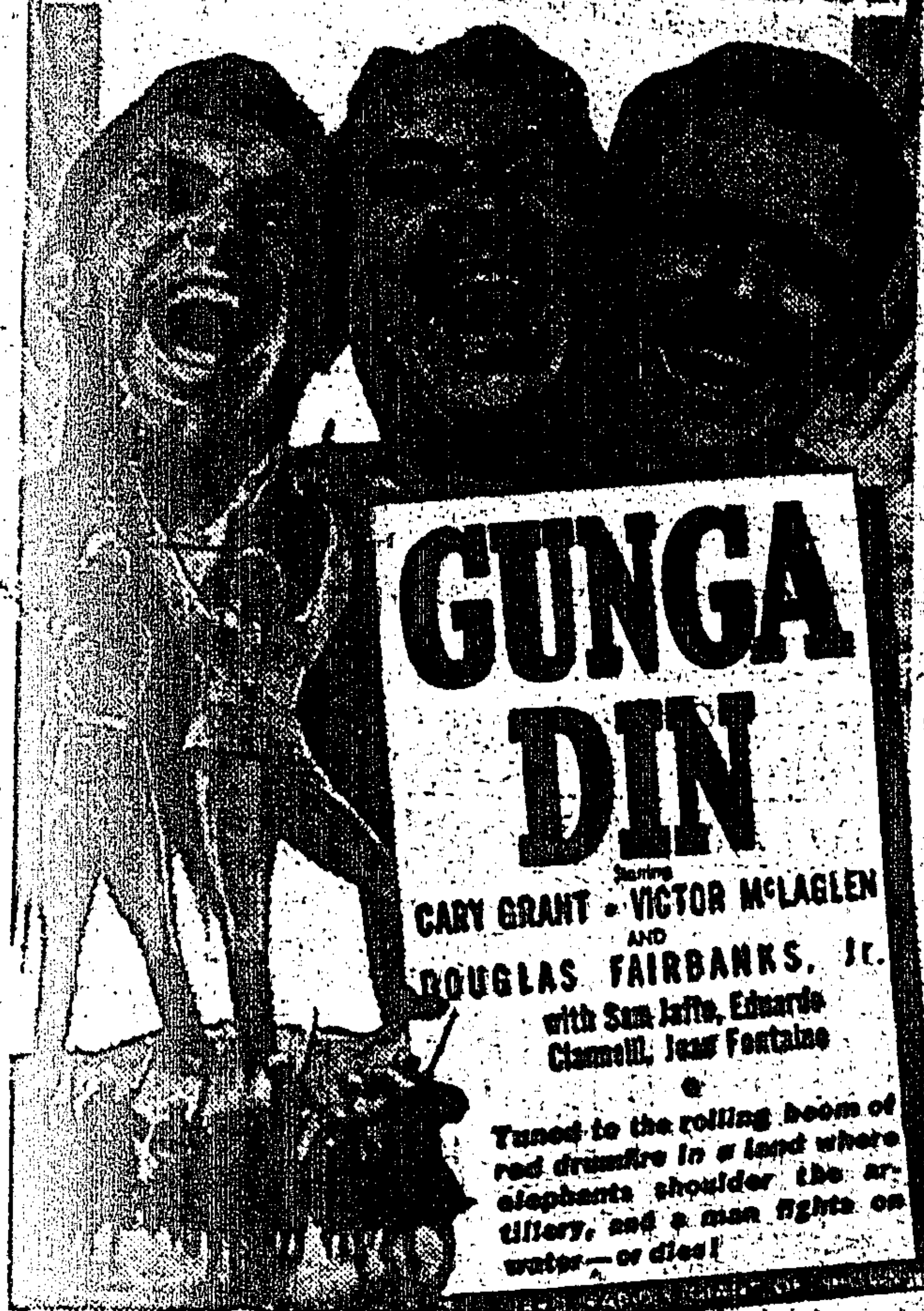
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President Roosevelt delivers the opening address by radio from Key West, Florida.

Seven thousand workers yesterday rushed final preparations for the Exhibition, which covers 400 acres on "Treasure Island," the world's largest artificial island, created in San Francisco Bay.

The buildings and courts include exhibits from every nation bordering the Pacific except China, as well as European countries, of which France and Italy have individual pavilions.

Norway's exhibits are housed in a Norwegian hunting lodge constructed in Norway and sent to San Francisco in pieces, complete with patio, tapestries, flowers and grasses.

Fair officials hope to aggregate a 20,000,000 attendance during the Fair's 41 weeks. The New York World's Fair opens on April 30, and special trans-continental travel rates are being considered to enable visitors to see both Fairs. — Reuter.

## PONY RUNS INTO RAILS

(By "RAPIER")

While riding High Tower, a subscription griffin of this year, belonging to Mr. S. S. Li, Mr. T. Y. Woo met with an accident this morning. When nearing the five furlongs post, the pony unaccountably bored out and crashed into the rails. The rider was thrown and apparently suffered an injury to his shoulder.

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# PEACE PROTAGONISTS GAIN GROUND IN SPAIN

## Azana Alleged To Be Initiating Discussions

### Britain's Effort To Secure Franco Clemency

Paris, To-day.

There is still some indecision in Spanish Government circles, but it seems that those favouring peace are gaining ground, says "Le Petit Parisien."

The paper was commenting on the report that indirect discussions to end the Spanish Civil War have been opened here, apparently on the initiative of Senor Azana, President of Spain.

From Madrid it is reported that Ministries of the Republican Government are to be established at various points along the Mediterranean coast, but that Madrid will remain the official meeting place of the Cabinet.

The whereabouts of the Ministries are not stated.—Reuter.

#### BRITISH AIM

London, To-day.

Britain is continuing its endeavours to secure peace in Spain by mediation.

It is understood that Sir Robert Hodgson has made it clear to General Franco that Britain is prepared to grant de jure recognition to his government immediately if a truce can be arranged.

Difficulties have arisen, however because the British Government is not prepared to urge the Republicans to unconditional surrender, especially in view of the new laws for dealing with political prisoners promulgated this week.

The whole crux of the position is the question whether General Franco is willing to show clemency.

Both London and Paris are prepared to accept the assurances of Franco that an amnesty will be granted.—Trans-Ocean.

### REICH CARDINALS IN ROME

Rome, To-day.

Cardinal Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, has arrived here. He was welcomed by the representative of the German Embassy to the Vatican.

The German Cardinals Bertram of Breslau and Innitzer of Vienna are already in Rome and Cardinal Schulte of Cologne is expected on Sunday.—Trans-Ocean.

## ARABS INFORMED THAT THEY CANNOT BE GRANTED IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE

London, To-day.

Reuter understands that it has been made clear to the Arab delegations at the Palestine Conference that because of the troubles in Palestine the British Government do not see their way to grant immediate independence.

Private conversations are proceeding between the Arab delegations, and it is understood these largely centre around the guarantees and safeguards to be offered to the Jewish minority when independence eventually becomes practical politics.

It is believed that the question of a Legislative Council for Palestine Arabs has been under discussion, but that the Arab delegates are not disposed to accept this proposition, which they regard as inadequate in view of the heavy sacrifices their nationals have made in the cause of independence.—Reuter.

#### STORY DENIED

London, To-day.

The Jewish Agency has handed

to the "News-Chronicle" a denial of the report published in the "News-Chronicle" on Thursday morning, regarding alleged statements made by Zionists that the Palestine Jews threaten to rise in arms if the Jewish viewpoint finds insufficient consideration at the London Conference.

The denial states briefly that not a single word of the report is true.—Trans-Ocean.

### ANOTHER STICKLER FOR THE "RULES"

Washington, To-day.

Testimony released by the Senate military affairs committee discloses that the Chief of the Army Air Corps, Major-General Arnold, protested to the Secretary of War against permitting the French mission to inspect the latest types of military aeroplanes.—Reuter.

### JAPANESE CLAIM MAKES A REVELATION

Shanghai, To-day.

No major operations are reported from any front but the Japanese state that contrary to Chinese reports that a Chinese offensive is under way south of Hankow, actually the Japanese forces took the initiative during last few days, advancing as far as Matang, twelve kilometres south-east of Yochow.

This, however, is declared to be a minor local operation.

It is interesting to note that some months ago the Japanese claimed to have reached the River Ku, sixty kilometres south of Yochow so that they must, meanwhile, have withdrawn for a distance of about fifty kilometres.—Trans-Ocean.

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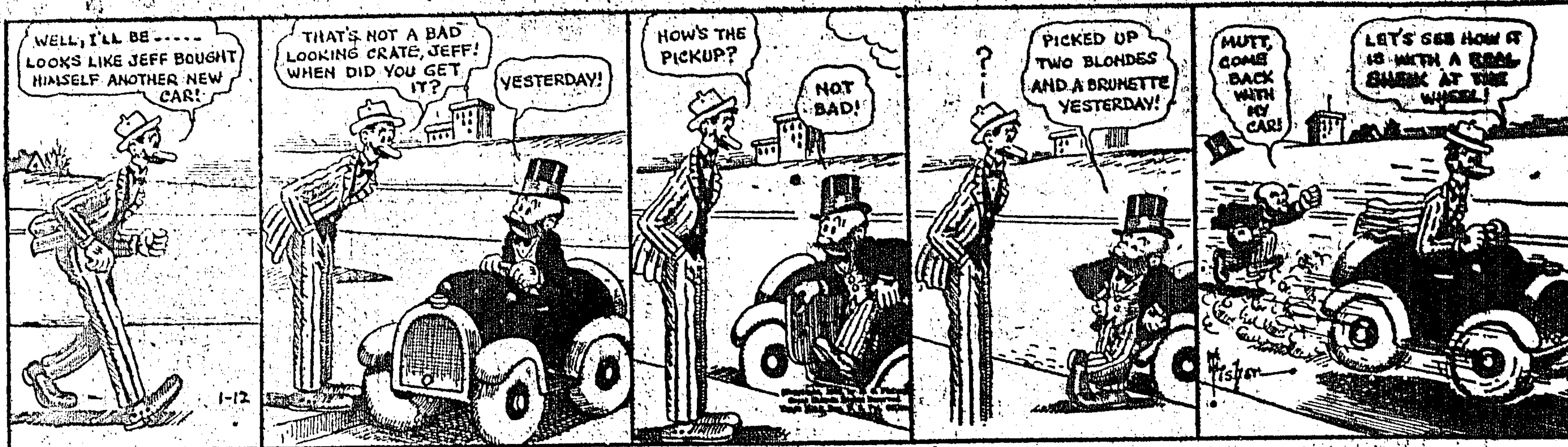
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## THE DAILY SHORT STORY

## LUCKY LADY

Mrs. Harris glanced at her watch as she came out of Betty's Beauty Salon. Three-thirty. A frown crossed her face. She had promised John she would be home at 4 so they would have ample time to return to town to meet the McGregors for dinner and the theatre. Dearborn was thirty miles north of Philadelphia. She'd never be able to make it.

The car was parked in the space behind the building where the salon was located. Pedestrians and motorists alike glared at her as she shot out into the traffic. There was, of course, the chance that, once she got out of the city, she could gain time by speeding. A ten-minute wait wouldn't make John too mad. At fifteen he usually began pacing the floor. At twenty he most always swore under his breath. At twenty-five he began making vows and threats. At thirty—well, at thirty, John was hard to get along with.

Mrs. Harris' brakes screamed as she stopped barely in time to avoid crashing into a truck. No sense to this, she told herself grimly. An accident or being arrested would make matters worse.

It was Saturday. The traffic was heavy. By the time she reached open country it was twelve minutes to four. And still more than fifteen miles to

always sarcastic when she kept him waiting.

There was only one course open. To return to Philadelphia. There was a bare possibility that whoever owned this car wouldn't have come looking for it and that her own car would be parked in the space behind the beauty salon.

Mrs. Harris made a U turn and started back toward Philadelphia. Without realizing it she sent the speedometer needle up beyond sixty. Her mind raced even faster. How would she explain to John? What if John got so mad he refused to let her have the new fur coat he had promised? That would be like him. Suppose she were arrested? Would they believe her story?

Suddenly her blood froze. From behind came the high-pitched scream of a siren. She glanced into the rear view mirror. A motorcycle policeman was rounding a curve in hot pursuit. A resigned feeling took possession of her. What was the use? No sense in trying to escape. Only make matters worse.

She stopped. The motorcycle policeman swung in ahead, dismounted, walked back, shoving up his goggles.

"This your car, lady?"

"Why—I—" Mrs. Harris almost col-

By Stanley Cordell

go! Mrs. Harris wanted a cigarette badly, but she decided against taking time to open the glove compartment and getting one out. Instead, she bore down on the accelerator. The small car responded, but it didn't leap as she expected it to. This was annoying. Mrs. Harris liked to have her cars leap. She decided something was wrong. Well, John would have to take care of it. After all, John did use the car once in awhile.

The speedometer needle crept up to fifty, to fifty-five, and stayed there. There was still a good deal of traffic, but not enough to bother. It was exactly 4 o'clock when she reached Hainesville, eight miles this side of Dearborn. Mrs. Harris sighed. It wasn't going to be too bad. She opened the glove compartment and rummaged for her cigarettes. But there weren't any cigarettes. The glove compartment, in fact, was empty!

Mrs. Harris stopped abruptly. She looked into the glove compartment. There was a small tag near the front. On the tag was a name. No address. Mrs. Harris looked around. She noticed a nick in the steering wheel that hadn't been there before. She noticed a grease smudge on the dashboard. A cold, sickening fear gripped her. This wasn't her car! She had taken someone else's by mistake. Another car that looked exactly like hers, same model, same colour, same make. No wonder it hadn't leaped!

For a moment Mrs. Harris sat frozen with horror. All sorts of hideous thoughts tormented her. Suppose she were arrested and charged with being a car thief? Suppose she were sent to jail? A shudder ran through her. She thought of John. John would be able to fix things. But, no, John would only be sarcastic. He was

lapsed. "No, it isn't," she began desperately. "Mine was stolen. I saw the thief take it. I—I commandeered this car to give chase. The thief got away. Oh, won't you please catch him for me?"

She stopped, breathless, realizing how silly she must have sounded, feeling like a fool.

"Yeah?" said the cop, looking at her curiously. "Well, lady, set your mind at rest. You don't need to worry no more."

"Do you have to be sarcastic?" Mrs. Harris said. That, too, sounded inadequate, and for the life of her she couldn't think why she had said it.

The officer scratched his head. "By golly, lady, you don't know how lucky you are."

Mrs. Harris opened her mouth to reply, but just then an automobile drove up alongside, and a man said: "Well, well, well!" in a most sarcastic tone. Mrs. Harris gasped. The man was John. He was driving her car. Beside him sat a little bespectacled gentleman.

Both men got out. John said: "Jane, get out and give Mr. Boynton back his fiver. This vehicle here is the one you belong in. Thanks, officer, for catching her for me. Mr. Boynton, you were smart to call at the house when you realized you had taken the wrong car. Hope we haven't inconvenienced you any. Come, Janie, we must get on to Philadelphia. You know how you hate to keep people waiting."

Mrs. Harris was so relieved she felt she could stand hearing about anything. John might have to say, but before they reached Philadelphia she was almost ready to retract that statement.

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# Extraordinary Soviet Story Of Wireless Operator Sabotage

## MAN AT ARCTIC POST TO FACE TRIAL

Moscow, To-day. Vozniskinsky, chief wireless operator in Tikhaya Bay, in the Arctic regions, is to be tried by the Moscow municipal court on February 25 for malicious counter-revolutionary activity.

This activity is said to include sabotage of the search for the airman Levenevsky and a crew of five who perished while flying from Moscow to the United States in August, 1937.

Vozniskinsky is accused of hampering the search by delaying messages and shutting off his wireless.

Immediately after the fliers' disappearance, Vozniskinsky is alleged to have despatched an unauthorized message on behalf of the station's

chief, announcing that Levenevsky was dead and could not be found.

It is alleged that prior to the Levenevsky incident the Government had wirelessed the dismissal of Vozniskinsky, which he had received himself and suppressed.

### YEAR'S SEARCH

Levenevsky was lost after passing the North Pole, and the Soviet Government spent nearly \$1,000,000 in a year's search covering two continents.

Sir Hubert Wilkins, the British explorer, who was a personal friend of Levenevsky, participated in the search from the Canadian coast with a special American plane. — Reuter.

### ROOSEVELT TO SEE MANOEUVRES

Washington, To-day. President Roosevelt is embarking on the cruiser Houston at Key West, Florida, to watch the Atlantic manoeuvres. — Reuter.

### UNITED STATES NOT HASTILY RECOGNISING GEN. FRANCO

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY. THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT CONTEMPLATING A HASTY DECISION REGARDING RECOGNITION OF GENERAL FRANCO, MR. SUMNER WELLES, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, TOLD THE PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY.

Mr. Welles ruled out the possibility of pan-American unity on the question, and said that Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Colombia had already inquired as to the United States attitude.

Peru, he added, had informed the State Department of its intention to recognise General Franco.

Mr. Welles said he told these countries that the United States Government was following the policy that it believed this question to be primarily of European importance, and that recognition or non-recognition was a matter for each American Government to decide for itself. — Reuter.



Tyrone Power, Alice Faye and Don Ameche, who head the cast of "Alexander's Ragtime Band," starting at the King's Theatre tomorrow.

### POPE'S DEATH AFFECTS ITALIAN LOTTERY

Rome, Feb. 11.

The death of Pope Pius XI had great and unlooked for effects upon the Loto, or Italian national lottery, it was remarked here to-day. Because of the people's superstitious beliefs, the "Loto" enjoyed unusual popularity to-day as huge throngs were turned away, coming too late to place their bets.

By some strange coincidence, it was noted, among the winning numbers prominent were the figures 11, 17 and 81.

These numbers yielded rich returns to a great many betters who

### GERMAN SOCIETY IN U.S. REBELS

Washington, February 9.

The Steuben Society, most important group of American citizens of German origin, to-day broke off relations with the organization that now includes most of the German bodies in New York. The

Society declared that the New York organization wished to compel it to adopt an attitude incompatible with conceptions of liberty in the United States. — Havas.

placed their money on them out of superstitious beliefs. The late Pope had been the eleventh of his name, his reign had lasted 17 years and he was 81 years old at his death. — Havas.

### LULL AT FRONT

Chungking, To-day.

There is practically no fighting on the Tsooshih-Kingshan front. At Siho, south of Suhsien, only intermittent exchange of gunfire has occurred in the past two days. — Central News.

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## MIRROR OF OPINION

There are things in the public  
speeches made at Rome which  
are sincere and true. There is no  
doubt that, as Signor Mussolini  
said, the Italian people welcomed  
the visit and the visitors; there  
is no doubt that the people of  
this country desire to remain, as  
Mr. Chamberlain in his turn  
said, "on close, friendly, and even  
intimate relations" with the peo-  
ple of Italy. The difficulty is to  
reconcile the policy of Govern-  
ments with the homely goodwill  
which we are always ready, and  
as a rule rightly, to attribute to  
peoples. No sooner have we  
heartily assented to declarations  
of this kind than we come up  
against the screen of words with  
which statesmen hide the truth,  
or at least part of the truth,  
about their actual practice. The  
words mean only that wars of  
aggression, for those who make  
them, and especially for those  
who make them with success, are  
always just; the pretence is a  
faint, ghastly tribute to the  
standards of morality professed  
by the twentieth century. Mr.  
Chamberlain, too, had his phrase.  
His policy is "the just and peace-  
ful" settlement of international  
difficulties. Expediency may  
offer strong reasons for the  
Agreement, but had "justice" to  
the Spanish people (or to anyone  
else) much to do with it, or has  
it now? These smooth assuran-  
ces are not the "realities" of  
Rome.

But now a nipping air, care-  
fully timed, comes from the east  
—from the other party to the  
Axis, at Berlin. It is his part to  
explain just what is what at  
Rome, what lies behind the plea-  
sant sentiments, and where we  
and the French "get off". An  
important article has been pub-  
lished in the "German Diplomatic  
and Political Information" which  
might be taken to be a direct com-  
ment on Signor Mussolini's state-  
ment that we have come to an  
agreement with Italy on a new  
plane of understanding and in a  
new state of fact in the Mediter-  
ranean and in Africa; this was  
his most direct allusion to the  
increased power of Italy, which  
is unquestioned, and to her im-  
plied claims. The German or-  
gan, which takes pains to show  
that it has official authority, in-  
dicates what Italy is likely to do  
in the near future, where Ger-  
many comes in, and, in particu-  
lar, what is expected of those who  
go to Rome. In our Gentlemen's  
Agreement with Italy (1937) and  
the Agreement proper (1938)  
both sides declared that they did  
not "desire to modify or . . . to  
see modified" the existing status  
as regards national sovereignty  
in the Mediterranean. This was  
great comfort, and when the  
Italian deputies clamoured for  
Tunis Mr. Chamberlain said that

certainly Tunis was covered by  
this clause about the status quo.  
The German "Information" is not  
quite so sure. The vaunted  
status quo in the Mediterranean,  
it says, is a conception which is  
far from being regarded as a con-  
firmed reality; there are sensi-  
tive spots there the state of which  
cannot be considered satisfac-  
tory. So what? So, says the  
"Information," Britain should  
recognise that Italy has gained  
a new position and has new  
claims, that she has powerful  
friends, that Britain in her own  
interest urgently needs a settled  
state of things in the Mediter-  
ranean, and that a settlement has  
not been made easier by long de-  
lay.—"Manchester Guardian."

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We suggested on Monday that  
for the moment there were to be  
no more direct contact tours for  
British Ministers abroad.

That need not mean that direct  
contacts are ended. It is still  
possible for the Dictators to send  
over to us, if we are tired of go-  
ing over to them.

Rumour says that Field-Mar-  
shal Goering may come to Lon-  
don. What for?

To back-up Musso in his effort  
to separate us from France; so  
that we may stand proudly alone  
with our A.R.P. puddles and dam-  
aged gas-masks.—"Daily Mirror."

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One of the pleasures that cost  
nothing and is enjoyed most by  
those who have journeyed  
through the country depicted, is  
looking at a map of a state or  
country. If one has visited only  
a portion of it and knows some-  
what about the character of the  
rest, the courses of streams and  
roads and the locations of cities  
and towns bring to mind a long  
panorama of scenes and associa-  
tions.

A somewhat similar entertain-  
ment may be found in close at-  
tention to housing plans.

Open-minded and alert atten-  
tion to plans of skilled architects  
may bring awareness of why ar-  
chitecture, domestic as well as  
other, is known as an art. In  
fact, the man who provides the  
most attractive and stimulating  
surroundings for family life has  
become the medium for express-  
ing high aspirations. While the  
term inspired should not be used  
lightly, may it not possibly be  
applied rightly to even a house  
that is designed with complete  
sympathy to promote the physi-  
cal and cultural good of its occu-  
pants?—"Christian Science Moni-  
tor."

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Perhaps the best way for any  
given democracy to improve is  
for each individual in it to come  
to a greater awareness of his  
own individual responsibility as  
a world-citizen—to be keenly  
alert to the forces at work in his  
own daily experiences, to be res-  
ponsive to home, business, com-  
munity, national, and interna-  
tional responsibilities, and to see  
these issues in their relationship  
each to the other.

A nation needs the co-operation  
of each individual if wise mea-  
sures are to be devised and fol-  
lowed, but our thinking must  
reach beyond the limits of nation-  
alism. Aided by the barrier-  
breaking modes of present-day  
communication, each can gain a  
world-point-of-view by striving  
for it, not as an end in itself, but  
as the basis of constructive ser-  
vice. Individual alertness to the  
duty of world-citizenship, moti-  
vated by the idea of co-operative,  
constructive service, would seem,  
then, to offer the solution to this  
problem.—Prof. Winifred Quincy  
Norton.



## S.P.C. AND PROPOSED G.C.H. WELFARE CENTRE

AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN, PRESIDED OVER BY SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE SOCIETY SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE ORGANISATION OF A GOVERNMENT WELFARE CENTRE WAS DISCUSSED.

The Honorary Director, Mr. G. P. de Martin outlined the proposal which had reached him. In February, 1938, the Society appealed to Government to utilise a part of the old Government Civil Hospital as an infant welfare centre for the Western District, where such work is urgently needed. At the moment, there are only two such centres, one in Wansai, and the other in Kowloon. In response to the Society's plea, partial provision was made in the current estimates, but the amount set aside is insufficient to enable the centre to be opened this year unless other financial aid is forthcoming.

The suggestion which the Director placed before the meeting was that the Society might vote a sum of eighty dollars per month for the purpose of defraying the salaries of two nurses. In this he was seconded by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo.

### NO MAJORITY

Considerable discussion arose, but the proposal failed to gain a majority vote, it being the opinion of the majority of members that the Society could not afford the grant which would inevitably postpone the inauguration of urgently needed additional centres of its own. Furthermore, the principle involved was deemed to be wrong being tantamount to the subsidising of an under-taking which should be adequately financed from public funds.

The monthly case and finance reports revealed that the average income per head in family cases of relief was \$1.43, the lowest figure being \$1.16 in Kowloon North, where seven cases were dealt with no income at all. The Finance Report showed an excess of expenditure over income of \$923,000. The sum of \$600,000 was transferred from the Women's Auxilliary to the

general fund of the Society. Other donations amounted to \$974.00.

### WANTSAL BRANCH

Mr. G. P. de Martin reminded the Committee that the Society's Wansai Branch was still inadequately housed and could not be considered as working satisfactorily in view of its limitations and the fact that it had no kitchen. He appealed to members to assist Mr. L. D. Skinner, the Honorary Branch Secretary, in securing suitable premises.

Of the cases before the Committee, that of a woman who had been charged with soliciting was considered. The woman was the mother of four children, and it was agreed that one of them should be placed with the Salesian Institute. The father was in delicate health and unemployed.

Similar action was taken in the case of a woman who had died leaving four young children and a widow for whom the Society had procured a hawker's licence. In these two cases, the parents had lived in Hong Kong for 23 and 28 years respectively, and therefore, deserving recipients of the Society's help.

### FLOWER DAY

The Committee was glad to learn from the Superior of the St. Louis Industrial School that a boy who had been trained there at the Society's expense, was now employed in the Police Printing Department at a salary of \$40 per month.

Sir Atholl Macgregor reminded the Committee that the Flower Day would be held on March 11, and the Annual Ball at the Peninsula Hotel on April 14. The Chairman also expressed the Society's thanks to all those who assisted or contributed towards the success of the children's New Year Party held at the Majestic Theatre on January 26.

## MARCH OF A DICTATOR

(Continued from Page 2)

The same year a youth called Gino Lucetti threw a bomb at Mussolini's car which bounced back and wounded eight by-standers. After this the Dictator declared that attempted murder should also be punishable with death.

In October another excited boy fired a bullet at Mussolini. It struck him in the chest, and flew off the bulletproof vest he wore beneath his tunic. The boy was lynched.

In 1931 Michele Schirru, ex-banana dealer of the Bronx, was found with a house full of bombs, it was alleged, intended for Mussolini. He was shot.

In 1932 his comrade, Angeli Shardelotto, who had come along to Rome to avenge him, was caught. He was shot.

Altogether sixteen attempts were made against Mussolini's life. Concerning these he said, with natural fortitude, and equally authentic sense of theatre: "IF I ADVANCE, FOLLOW ME! IF I RETREAT KILL ME! IF I FALL, AVENGE ME!"

Mussolini has lived dangerously. He drives his car at breakneck speed. One day he crashed it at 70 m.p.h. into a level crossing at Faenza. The iron gate broke to pieces and the car was flung, a wreck against the second gate. "Fortune assisted me," boasted Mussolini. "The hatred of our enemies had been my good luck charm!"

The first time he flew an airplane it crashed from a height of 40ft. on landing, pitching on to a wing. Mussolini raged when the Liberal Government, following a terrible air disaster at

Verona, dismantled the few remaining Italian Government airplanes.

He rushed first to Forli to attend the funeral of his fellow villager, Lieut. Ridolfi, who had been the pilot of the lost plane. Then he was off to Mantua to hire the next available machine to fly himself and the rather less enthusiastic staff of his newspaper, Il Popolo d'Italia, to prove that aviation was safe. To-day Mussolini is ranking high among Italian pilots. His violent nature receives a serenity alone from the overwhelming sense of power, and conquest, of untrammelled freedom which the driving of a great airplane through the cloud and storm can yield.

Danger! Storm! Force! Power! These are the gods of Benito Mussolini, the blacksmith's son. These he has praised as Socialist and Fascist, as agitator, editor, soldier, dictator; worshipped them faithfully and alone.

His conduct as leader of a nation has patterned that as leader of a faction. He sent a fleet against the Greeks at Corfu, refusing mediation or even settlement until his guns had pounded home his threats. He forced a quarrel on the Abyssinians. He thrust his sword into the side of Spain.

He taught Italy, in his own passionate phrase, "to stand upon her feet!" To-day the country that at school we classed with Spain and Portugal is one of the four Great Powers of Europe. But when this turbulent, brilliant, brutal genius passes, the system that he built with furious energy and no small devotion will face its first real challenge.

THE END.

# GUNGA DIN

TO-DAY AT THE QUEEN'S

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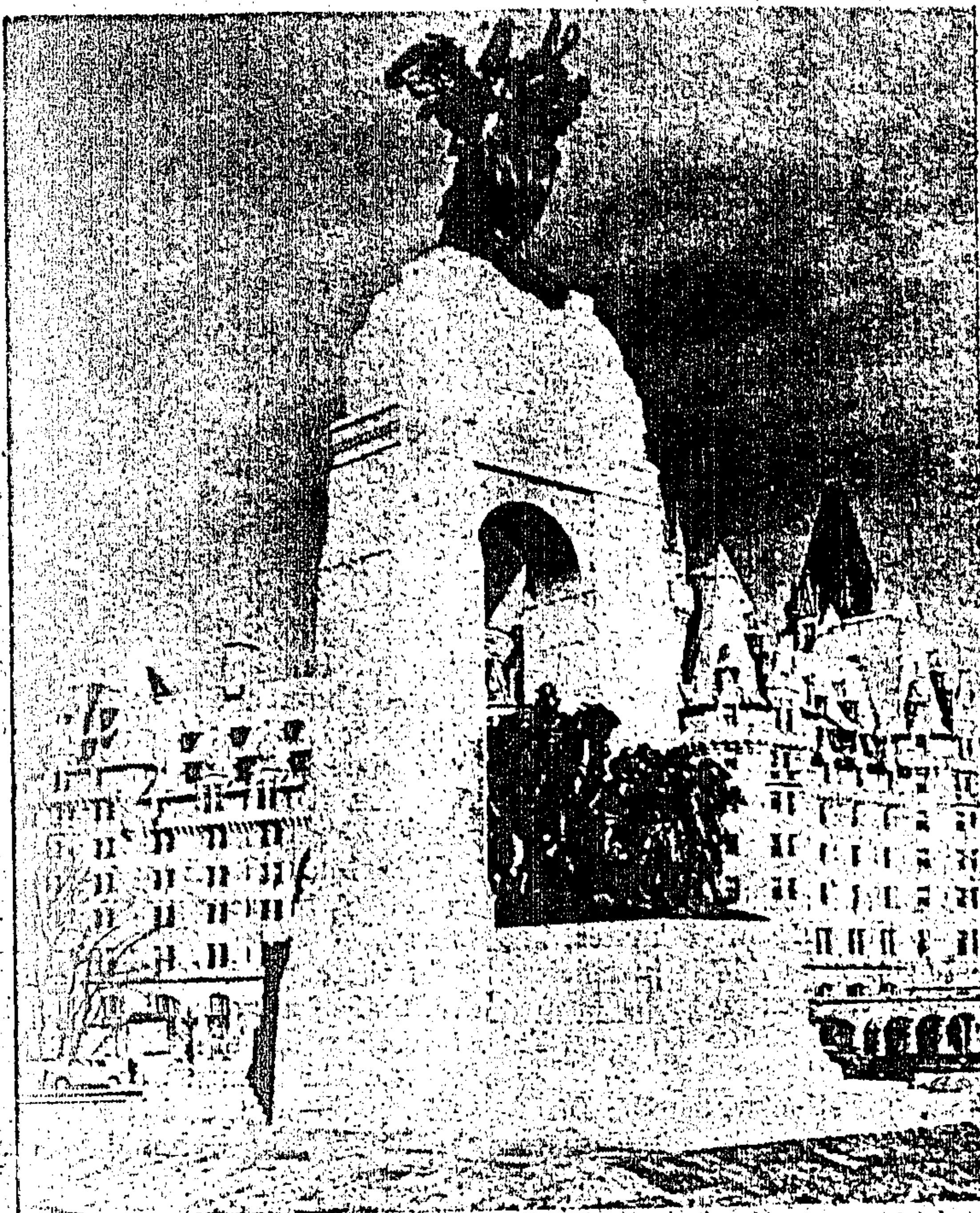




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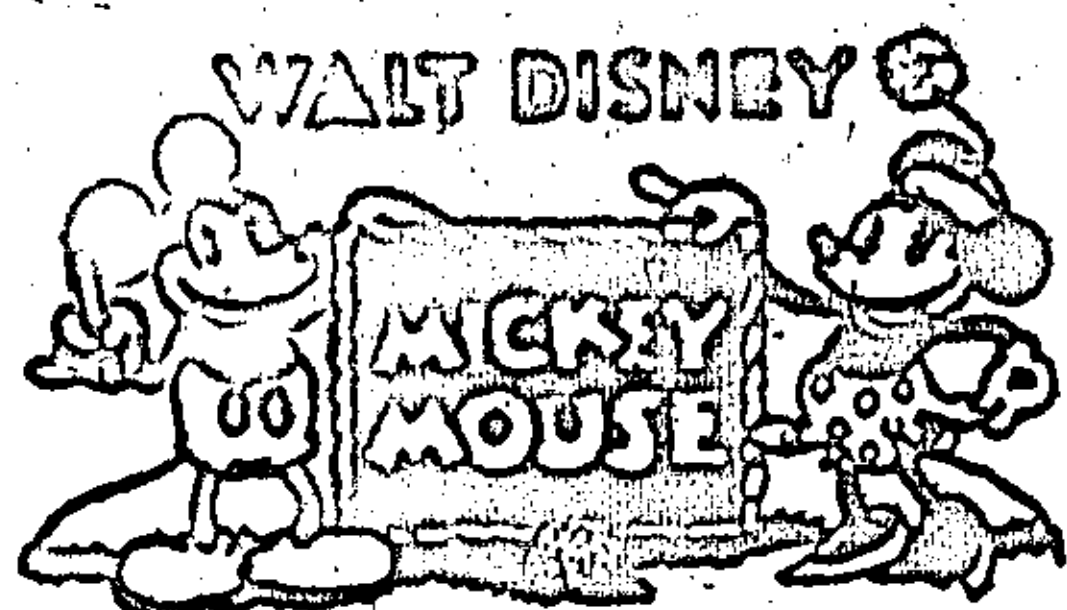


When the King and Queen visit Canada in May His Majesty will unveil Canada's National War Memorial at Ottawa. This is the enormous sculptured work which has occupied five of the seven Marsh brothers for most of the last 13 years at their home near Farnborough, Kent. The 22 bronze figures, each eight feet high and weighing a ton, and the 17ft. high statue which crowns the memorial were designed, sculptured and cast at Farnborough. Photo shows a striking picture of Canada's National War Memorial.

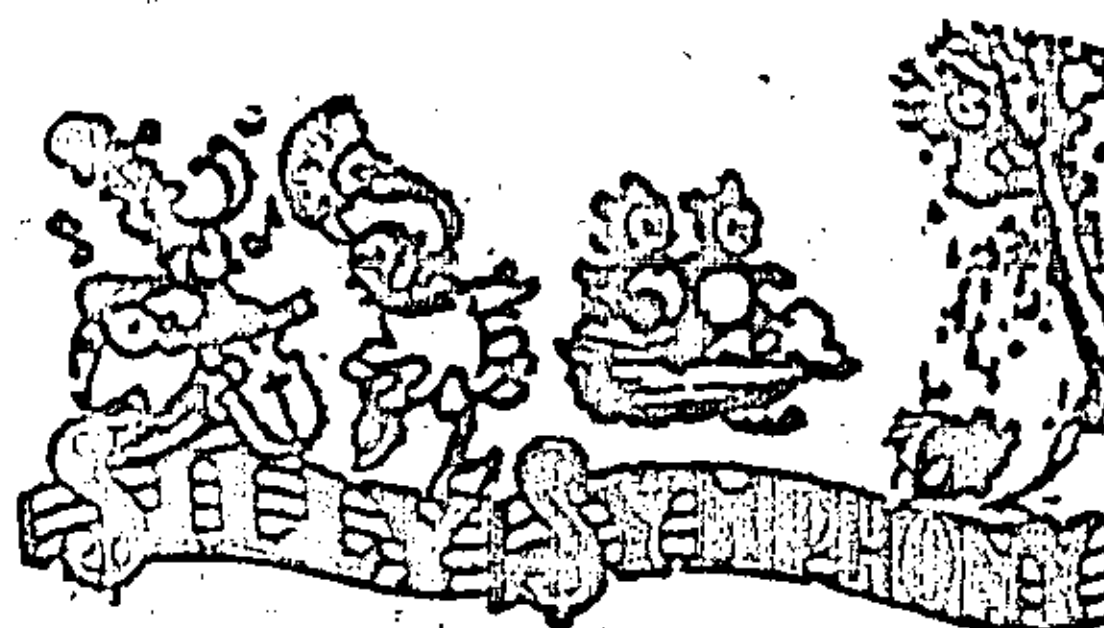
(Right) — Among the modern schools of America, the School of Aeronautics in New York is considered the most valuable training for youths for future service in aircraft factories or in the air force. Photo shows practical work in fuselage construction in one of the classrooms.

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Tyrone Power, Alice Faye and Don Ameche, the brilliant triumvirate of stars who head the cast of "Alexander's Ragtime Band," showing at the King's Theatre to-day.

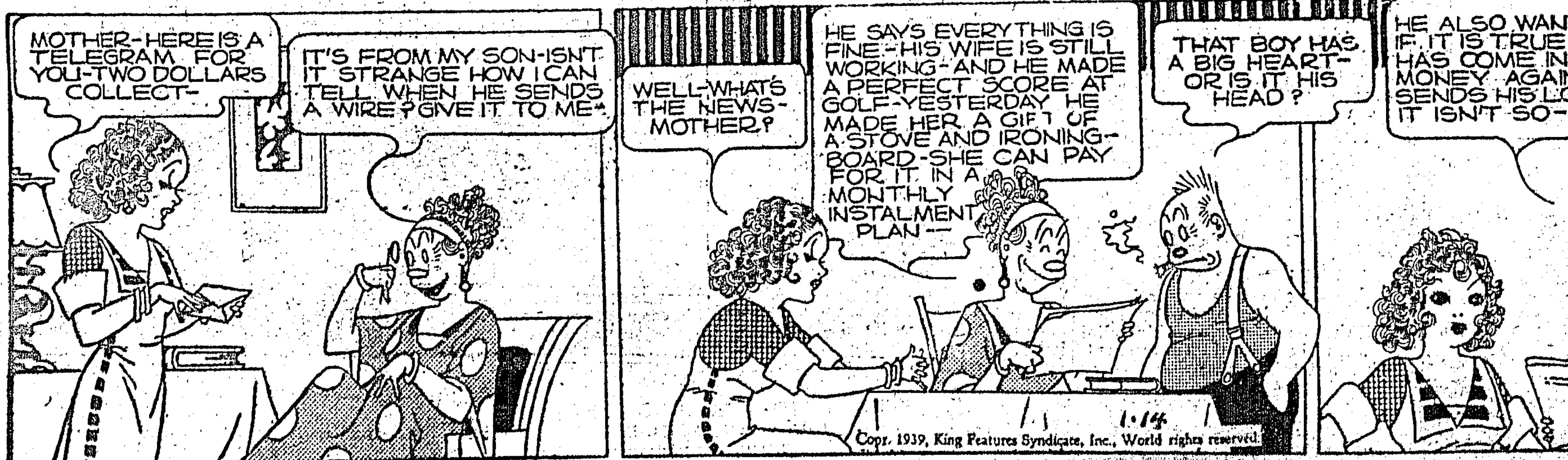
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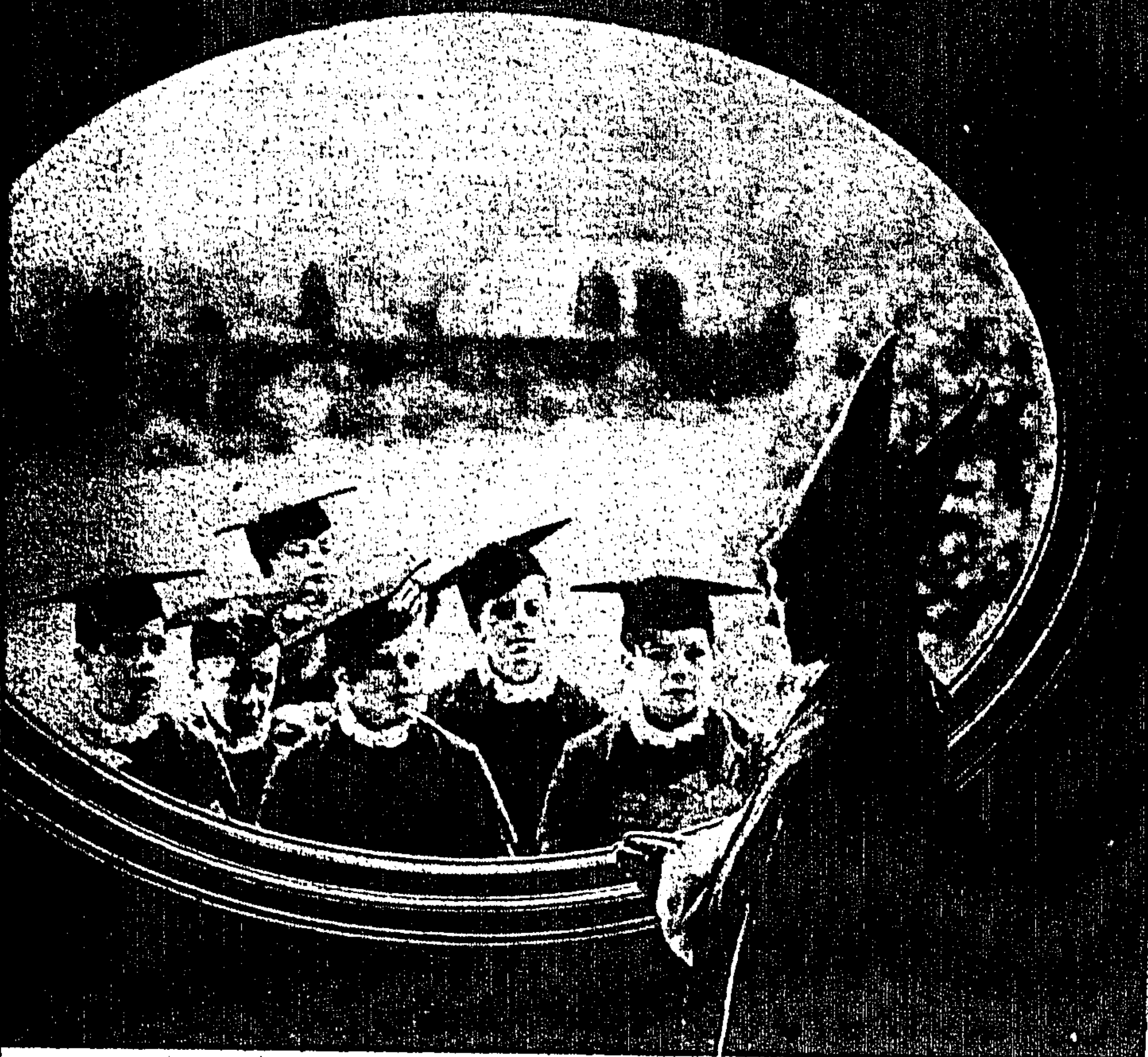
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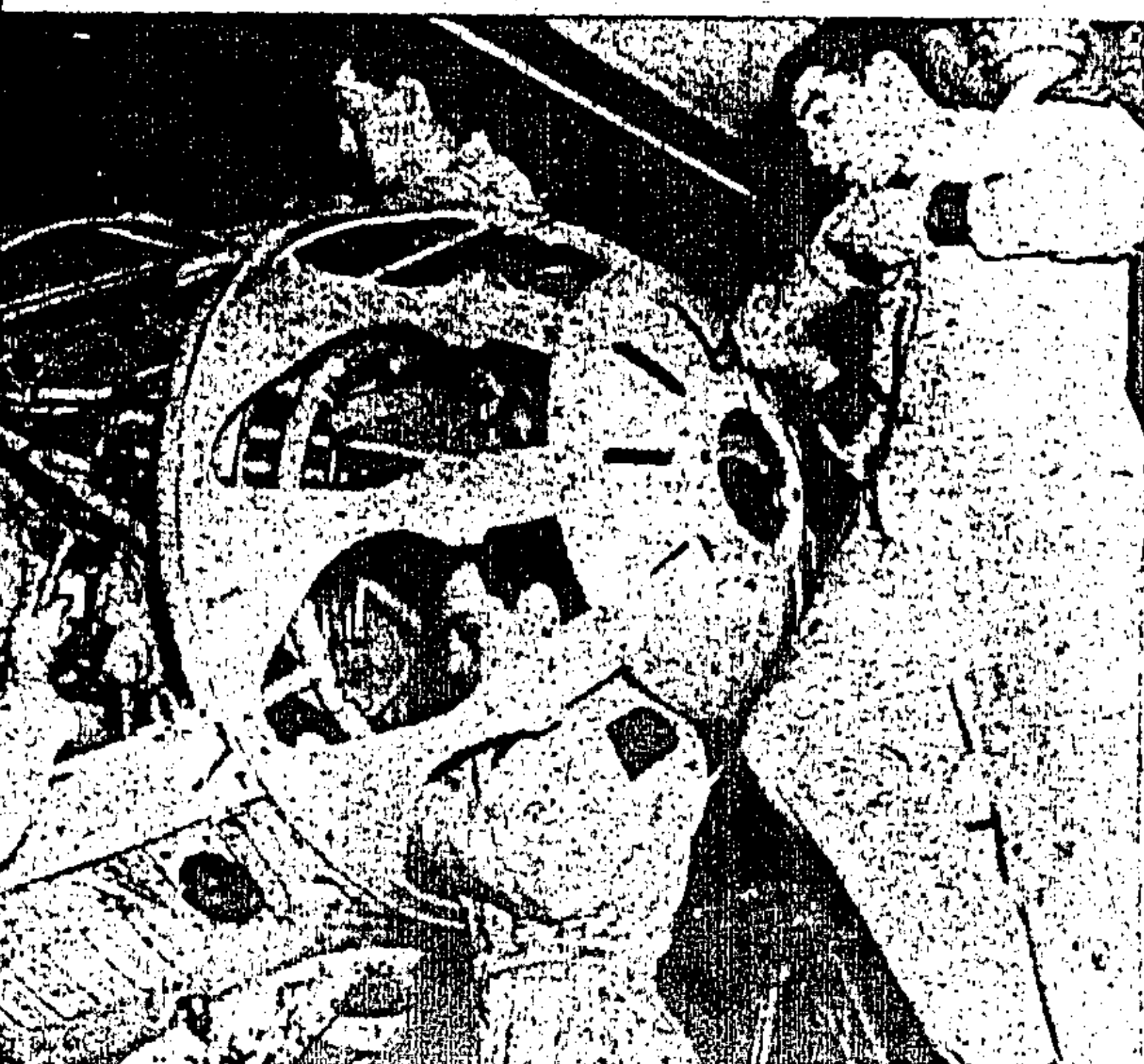
## Bringing Up Father





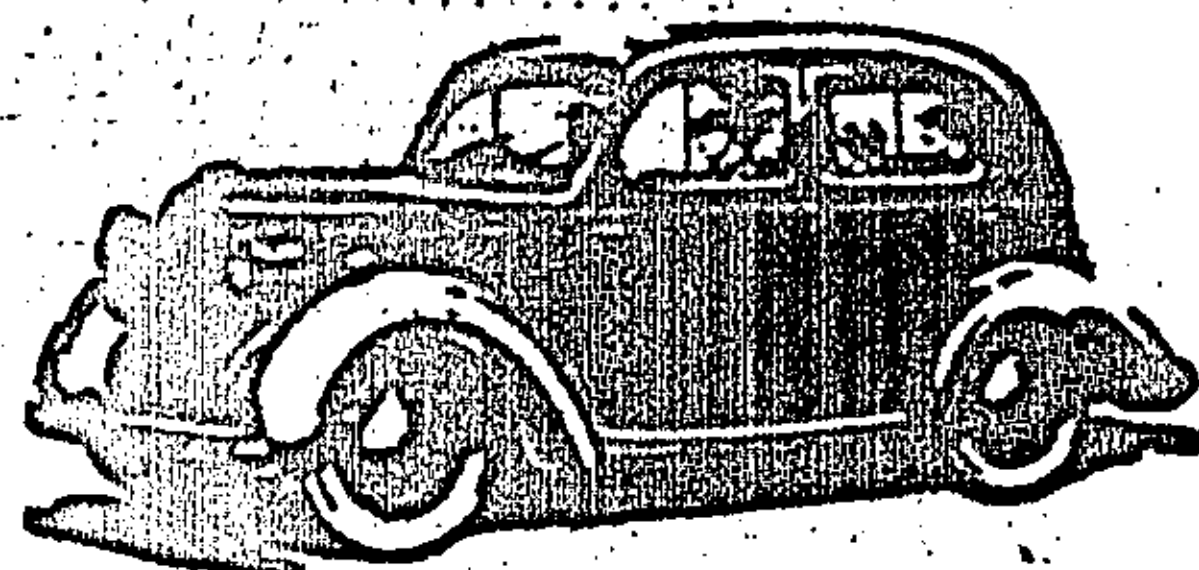


(Above)—THE BOY BISHOP.—Master G. Jenkins, is the Boy Bishop of the St. Mary of the Angels Choir, who are now living in a new home at Addlestone, Surrey. They used to live at Highgate, London, and are very proud of their new country home. A new Bishop is elected each year. Photo shows a charming study of the Boy Bishop at the door of the new residence ready to admit boys of the choir.



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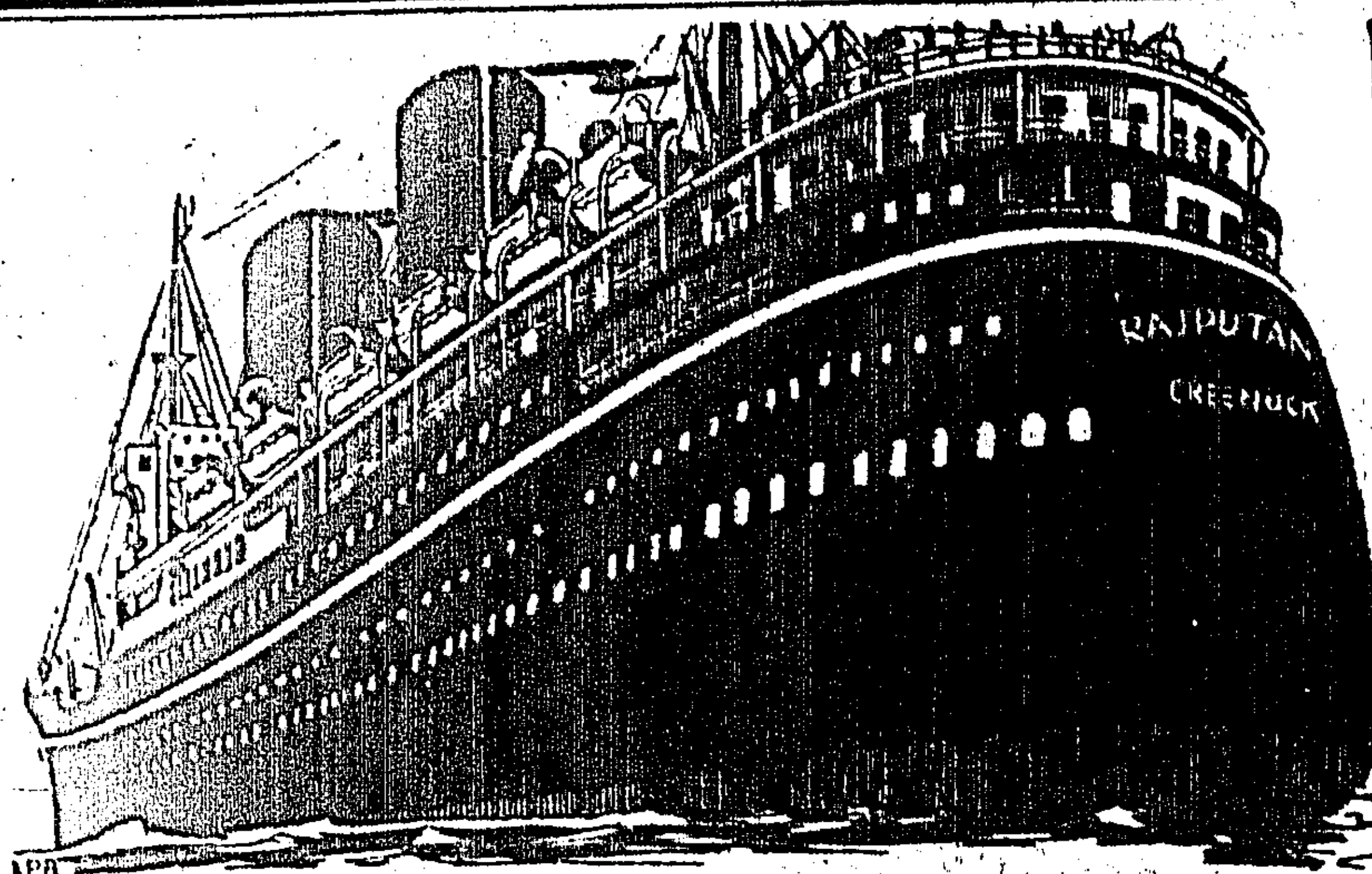
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\$RANPURA .....	17,000	4th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*NAGPORE .....	6,000	5th Mar.	Straits, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi.
\$RAWALPINDI .....	17,000	18th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN .....	6,000	25th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
CANTON .....	16,000	1st Apr.	Marseilles & London.
CORFU .....	14,500	15th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
†SOMALI .....	7,000	21st Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
\$CHITRAL .....	15,500	29th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
\$CARTHAGE .....	14,500	13th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
†BANGALORE .....	6,000	20th May	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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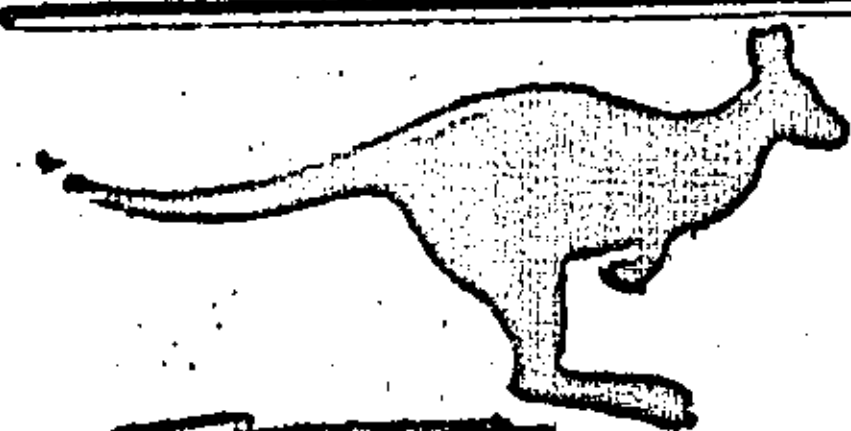
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CANTON .....	16,000	3rd Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
NANKIN .....	7,000	4th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
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	Monday, 20th Feb.	Tuesday, 21st Feb.
General Post Office .....	8 a.m. to noon	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
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Sheungwan Branch Post Office .....	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sunday and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. on Monday, the 20th and at 10 a.m. on Tuesday the 21st.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11 a.m.

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### INWARD MAILS

Haiphong and Pakhoi .....	Suiyang .....	February 18.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard .....	Kiungchow .....	February 18.
Manila .....	Corneville .....	February 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 11th Feb.	Imperial Airways Plane .....	February 18.
Calcutta and Straits .....	Kutsang .....	February 19.
Shanghai and Swatow .....	Kaying .....	February 19.
U.S.A., Honolulu Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 27th Jan.) .....	Pres. Taft .....	February 19.
Bangkok .....	Kalgan .....	February 19.
Amoy .....	Tjisanoea .....	February 19.
Japan .....	Suisang .....	February 19.
Manila .....	Conte-Biancamano .....	February 20.
Straits .....	Burdwan .....	February 20.
Shanghai and Swatow .....	Tsinan .....	February 20.
Shanghai .....	Deucalion .....	February 21.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 15th Feb.	Imperial Airways Plane .....	Feb. 22.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 15th February .....	Pan American Airways Plane, Feb. 22	
Manila .....	Scharnhorst .....	February 22.
Straits .....	Ruys .....	February 22.
Straits .....	Theseus .....	February 23.

### OUTWARD MAILS

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For	Per	Date and Time.
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
Haiphong .....	Canton .....	Feb. 18, 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow .....	Sagres .....	Feb. 18, 3 p.m.
Haiphong .....	Taisang .....	Feb. 18, 4 p.m.
Shanghai .....	M/V Tai Yin .....	Feb. 18, 5 p.m.

### SUNDAY

Manila .....	Pres. Taft .....	Feb. 19, 9 a.m.
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### MONDAY

Shanghai .....	Conte Biancamano .....	Feb. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 27th Feb.	Imperial Airways Plane, Mon., Feb. 20, K.P.O. and G.P.O.	
	Reg., .....	Feb. 20, Noon.
	Ord., .....	Feb. 20, 1 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java, and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 27th Feb.	Imperial Airways Plane, Mon., Feb. 20, G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg., .....	Feb. 20, Noon.
	Ord., .....	Feb. 20, 1 p.m.

### TUESDAY

Batavia and Sourabaya .....	Tjisaroeca .....	Feb. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy .....	Anhui .....	Feb. 21, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central & South America via Vancouver B.C., and (Parcels & Papers only for Canada)—due Vancouver B.C., 12th March.	Emp. of Canada .....	Tues., Feb. 21, K.P.O. and G.P.O.
	Par., .....	Feb. 20, Noon.
	Reg., .....	Feb. 21, 9.15 a.m.
	Ord., .....	Feb. 21, 10 a.m.

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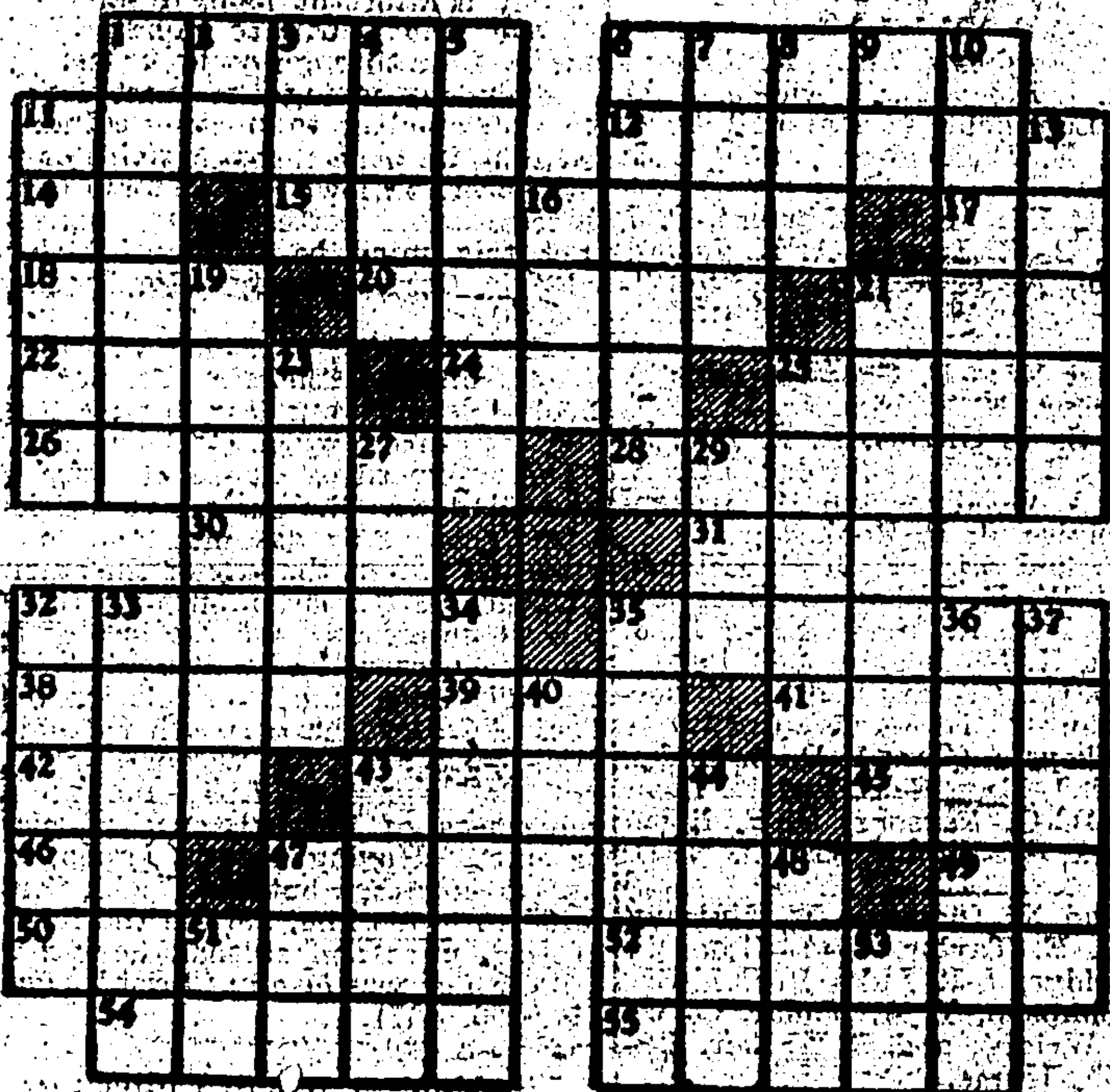


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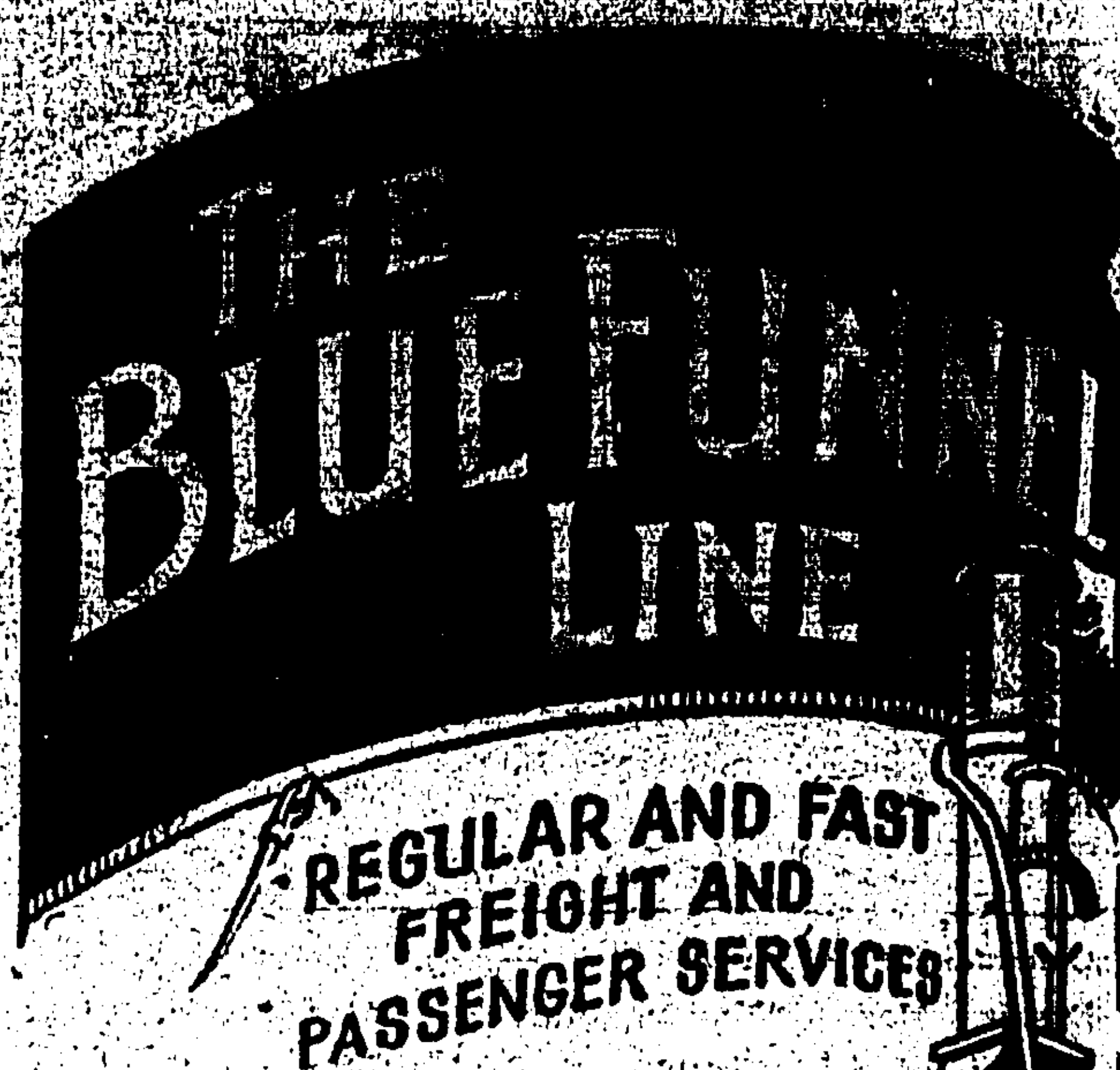
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CAN PORTS via Singapore & Colombo. Arizona Mar. Wed. 27th Mar.  
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Pakhoi, To-day.

Japanese planes in group of three and five have been circling to the southwest of Weichow Island, presumably watching the movements of French warships in the Gulf of Tongkin.

Foreign commercial vessels plying to Pakhoi have been stopped and searched by Japanese warships at sea.

According to a message from Hainan, Japanese bombers are continuing wanton destruction on the island. Ningsui, Kamkong, Ngaihsien and other cities as well as large numbers of villages have been bombed, causing heavy property damage.—Central News.

## United Services Cricket Team Against Club

The following have been selected to represent the United Services in the cricket match against the Hong Kong C.C. on Saturday and Monday:  
Lieut. Comdr. N. Kennedy (R.N. (Capt.)), Major G. P. Murray (Army), Captain O. E. Godby (Army), Captain W. P. P. Whitmarsh (R.M.), P. O. Bryan-Gower (R.A.F.), P. O. W. G. New (R.A.F.), C. P. O. Paxton (R.N.), F/Sgt. Scragg (R.A.F.), Cpl. Land (Army), Pte. Hatfield (Army), Dry Logan (Army).  
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Umpire—Captain J. F. Laurence.  
Play commences at 2 p.m. on Saturday and at 11 a.m. on Monday.

## H.K.C.C.

H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), A. C. Beck, J. H. Fox, J. Halsey, L. D. Kilbee, N. D. Lloyd, G. Longfield, A. Marshall, T. A. Pearce, J. E. Richardson and L. T. Ride.

C.C.C. 1st XI—F. R. Zimmermann, P. J. Billimoria, B. R. Imanes, A. K. Ismail, C. W. Lam, A. T. Lee, H. P. Lim, T. Locke, A. M. Omar, W. Rapley and A. Zimmermann.

K.C.C. 1st XI—F. Goodwin (Capt.), E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, D. J. N. Anderson, S. V. Gittins, R. E. Lee, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, G. A. White, G. A. Goodban and H. Broken-shire. Umpire, J. P. Robinson.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, G. E. R. Di-vett, N. E. Fox, R. M. King, H. J. D. Lowe, A. K. Mackenzie, J. E. Potter, D. S. Robb, C. M. Stark and W. Stoker. v. Kowloon C.C. on Monday (away).  
A. K. Mackenzie (Capt.), D. S. Blake, V. C. Bond, I. Day, G. S. Lovett, H. J. D. Lowe, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb, C. M. Stark, W. Stoker and C. N. D. Walker.

K.C.C. 2nd XI (home)—W. Mulcahy (Capt.), G. E. Taylor, S. A. Gray, F. A. Broadbridge, J. B. Luke, R. Baldwin, R. A. J. Simpson, T. A. Matar, G. W. Giffen, A. Wright, and C. Walker. Reserve, L. W. Hume.

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Orders by Lieut. Colonel H. B. Ross, M.C. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Friday, 17th February, 1939.

**QUALIFICATIONS—W. T. BADGES**  
The following members qualified as 1st Class Machine Gunners & are entitled to wear the M. G. Badge (without wreath).

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The following members qualified as Marksmen and are entitled to wear the Rifle and Star Badge.

### NO. 1 M. G. COMPANY

Pte. A. L. G. Eastman, Pte. V. M. Hammond.

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## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

Subject: "Mind"

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches, to-morrow 18th February will be "MIND". The Golden Text will be:—"Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous." (1 Peter 3:8).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible:—"If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:1-5).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:—"The supposed existence of more than one mind was the basic error of idolatry. This error assumed the loss of spiritual power, the loss of the spiritual presence of Life as infinite Truth without an unlikeness, and the loss of Love as ever-present and universal. When we fully understand our relation to the Divine, we can have no other Mind but His; no other Love, wisdom, or Truth; no other sense of Life, and no consciousness of the existence of matter or error. Having no other gods, turning to no other but the one perfect Mind to guide him, man is the likeness of God, pure and eternal, having that Mind which was also in Christ." (Pages 470, 205, 487).

Lin Shu-gen, one of China's greatest actors, together with his Company, have arrived in Hongkong for a short season at the Lee Theatre over the Chinese New Year.

Recently the same theatre presented, with unprecedented success, Dr. Mei Lan Fang in female roles. Mr. Lin Shu Gen is acknowledged as master of interpretations of great men in Chinese history. He will, by special request, act a series of plays based on the history of Sam Sam.

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## CLUB V. SERVICES PRINCIPAL ATTRACTION

R.A.F. Provide Some  
New Blood

(By "ADREM")

Owing to the Chinese New Year holidays, the cricket programme for to-day has been considerably curtailed.

Chief interest will be centred in the first day of the two-day annual match between Hong Kong Cricket Club and the Combined Services which starts to-day and continues on Monday.

There are a number of new names in the Services side, all from the R.A.F. They are Pilot Officers Bryan-Gower and W. G. New and Flt. Sgt. Scragg, none of whom, to my knowledge, have played here before.

From the Navy there is Lieut.-Comdr. Kennedy, Capt. W. F. P. Whitmarsh and C. P. O. Paxton.

### TO-DAY'S CRICKET PROGRAMME

#### FIRST DIVISION

Craigengower C.C. v Army  
Indian R.C. v Kowloon C.C.  
Hong Kong C.C. v United Services  
(first day)

#### SECOND DIVISION

Army v Hong Kong C.C. (L)  
Kowloon C.C. v Indian R.C.

while Army's representatives will be Major Murray, Capt. Godby, Sgt. Land, Pte. Hatfield and Drv. Logan. The latter, presumably, will keep wicket.

Club appear to have their strongest team out with the exception of John Pearce. They will be reinforced by F. Marshall, N. D. Lloyd and "Dickie" Richardson, while wicket-keeper Fox is back again after an absence of over a month, and G. E. Longfield is also available.

Only League game will be between Hong Kong Cricket Club and Army in the Second Division.

## FOURTH TEST MATCH STARTS TO-DAY

### England's Chance Of Climbing "Rubber"

The fourth Cricket Test match between South Africa and the touring M.C.C. team commences to-day at Johannesburg.

As matters now stand, the first two matches were drawn, while M.C.C. scored an easy victory in the last match at Durban by an innings and 13 runs.

South Africa have made two changes in that seven. Wicket-keeper W. W. Wade has been dropped and R. Grieveson who kept for Combined Transvaal, has included, while another man to be discarded is E. Q. Davies, the fast bowler, who makes way for S. Newson.

This is the second match in the current series to be played at Johannesburg. The first was drawn.

England have only to win this match to make sure of the "Rubber." If South Africa win, the last match at Durban will be played to a finish.

#### SOUTH AFRICA

A. Melville (Transvaal), captain,  
B. Mitchell (Transvaal),  
A. D. Nourse (Natal),  
K. Viljoen (Transvaal),  
E. A. Rowan (Transvaal),  
P. G. M. Van Der By (Western Province),  
E. L. Dalton (Natal),  
A. B. C. Langton (Transvaal),  
N. Gordon (Transvaal),  
S. Newson (Transvaal), and  
R. Grieveson (Transvaal).

### Kent C.C.C.'s Big Profit

The announcement of a profit on last year of £2,001 and a tribute to Frank Woolley, who is recommended for life membership of the club, are contained in the annual report of the Kent County Cricket Club. The profit, which compares with a deficit the previous year of over £1,818, is due mainly to the grant from M.C.C. in respect of the last tour in Australia and to the surplus on last summer's Test Matches.

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# HOLIDAY GOLF STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling over the Chinese New Year Holidays:—

SUNDAY	
Old Course	
8.44 a.m.	H.E. the Governor.
9.16 "	S. J. H. Fox, J. A. D. Morrison.
9.20 "	E. J. Faggiano, J. W. Mayhew.
9.24 "	P. Welch, G. R. Riddell.
9.28 "	A. Sommerfelt, W. M. Barton.
9.32 "	Col. Gowland, Major Johnstone.
9.36 "	D. L. Prophet, W. Hewitt.
9.40 "	R. G. Parker, E. T. McMullen.
9.44 "	E. M. Bryden, F. S. Geldart.
9.48 "	W. J. S. Key, A. B. Purves.
9.52 "	H. S. Jones, D. J. S. Crozier.
9.56 "	H. N. Williamson, J. Forbes.
10.00 "	P. S. Delany, L. R. Cramer.
10.04 "	R. K. Valentine, W. L. Alexander.
10.08 "	W. T. Yoxall, C. D. N. Walker.

10.12 "	D. Lyon, H. J. D. Lowe.
10.16 "	W/Odr. Steele Perkins, Col. Rose.
10.20 "	W. Woodward, L. Jackson.
10.24 "	A. N. & G. A. A. Macfadyen.
10.28 "	A. D. Humphreys, B. H. Blake.
10.32 "	W. N. A. Smalley, F. C. Young.
10.36 "	H. Harrison, J. P. Tamworth.
10.40 "	I. H. Geare, K. S. Morrison.
10.44 "	F. Morrison, R. R. Davies.
10.48 "	F. A. Redmond, D. J. Gilmore.
10.52 "	A. Nicol, A. W. Hodges.
10.56 "	L. M. S. Lloyd, H. F. Phillips.
11.00 "	A. Murdoch, H. G. Sheldon.
11.04 "	C. W. E. Bishop, R. L. S. Webb.
11.08 "	D. D. Fobres, D. L. Strallett.
11.12 "	W. A. Cornell, S. T. Butlin.
11.16 "	D. Humphreys, A. H. Lay.
11.20 "	J. Stehensen, B. G. Everest.
11.24 "	D. S. Edward, O. Eagles.
New Course	
9.24 a.m.	W. & Mrs. Shatt.
9.32 "	G. I. Angus, W. W. C. Shewan.
9.40 "	K. C. Murray, C. J. Clackett.

9.48 "	J. F. Wright, W. Davenport.
10.04 "	G. McGrane, P. E. Annis.
10.16 "	Mrs. Steele Perkins, Mrs. Rose.
10.52 "	Mrs. Nicol, Miss Geen.
11.04 "	Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Webb.
11.12 "	Mrs. Butlin, Mrs. Cornell.
11.24 "	Mrs. Edward, Mrs. Baines.
MONDAY	
Old Course	
9.00 a.m.	H.E. the Governor.
9.16 "	D. Humphreys, N. L. Evans.
9.20 "	H. F. Phillips, V. R. Gordon.
9.24 "	S. A. Sleep, W. M. Barton.
9.28 "	T. A. Pearce, S. J. H. Fox.
9.32 "	J. A. D. Morrison, K. S. Morrison.
9.36 "	D. H. Blake, T. E. Pearce.
9.40 "	J. T. Brown, T. Low.
9.44 "	J. F. Wright, D. L. Newbiggin.
9.48 "	R. P. Morris, J. C. Brown.
9.52 "	R. Young, J. W. Mayhew.
9.56 "	G. C. Worrall, I. H. Geare.
10.00 "	J. K. Bonsfield, R. Sanger.
10.04 "	L. A. R. Duncan, J. F. Richmond.
10.08 "	E. Laidlaw, M. W. Varn.
10.12 "	A. W. Hodges, J. Angwin.

10.16 "	E. J. de Rome, D'Arcy.
10.20 "	Weatherill.
10.24 "	A. J. Dennis, W. S. Hillier.
10.28 "	J. Stehensen, F. Gray.
10.32 "	J. E. Jupp, E. W. Stout.
10.36 "	D. H. Clark, E. C. Young.
10.40 "	R. M. Wood, W. Woodward.
10.44 "	P. Allen, S. O. Faltham.
10.48 "	F. S. Geldart, W. H. E. Coates.
10.52 "	A. C. L. Bowker, A. H. Penn.
10.56 "	J. Hackney, H. J. D. Lowe.
11.00 "	L. R. Cramer, D. A. O'Kieffe.
11.04 "	D. D. Forbes, B. D. Evans.
11.08 "	N. K. Littlejohn, W. W. C. Shewan.
11.12 "	R. J. Shrigley, W. Bell.
11.16 "	A. Murdoch, A. E. Davidson.
11.18 "	W. A. Smalley, D. S. Edward.
New Course	
9.24 a.m.	R. S. Harrison, G. R. Riddell.
9.32 "	C. J. Clackett, R. Adair.
9.40 "	G. M. Park, G. McGrane.
9.44 "	T. F. R. Waters, W. Hewitt.
9.52 "	R. H. Gregory, J. R. Sindlinger.
9.56 "	J. M. Pearson, J. S. S. Findlay.
10.04 "	G. W. Reid, A. W. Gibson.
10.16 "	Comdr. Colson, Col. Matthews.
10.24 "	Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Hillier.
11.12 "	Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Edward.

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## S.R.U.F.C. WEAK AMONG 'THREES

(By "REFEREE")

Although the Shanghai Rugby Union Football Club have sent their best team with one or two exceptions, they will probably find themselves up against the strongest opposition in a good many seasons.

## CLUB FAVOURED

Stewart and Bidwell and Grieve and Chadwick are very fine combinations and both centres can be relied upon to make the necessary openings for their very fast wingers.

## DANGEROUS PAIR

From what I have seen of Shanghai's halves, they are likely to be overshadowed by the Club players. Mills is fairly big for a stand-off half and is not quite as fast off the mark as Hutchison, while Laird did not impress me at all.

## FAST OFF MARK

I have not seen Shanghai's pack at serum practice, but it will take a very good serum to beat Colony's eighth.

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1929-30 — Shanghai won 5 to 0 in  
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1932-3 — Hong Kong won 16 to 5 in  
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1933-4 — Hong Kong won 6 to 3 in  
Hong Kong.  
1934-5 — Shanghai won 17 to 11 in  
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1935-6 — Shanghai won 8 to 6 in  
Hong Kong.  
1936-7 — Hong Kong won 14 to 3 in  
Shanghai.  
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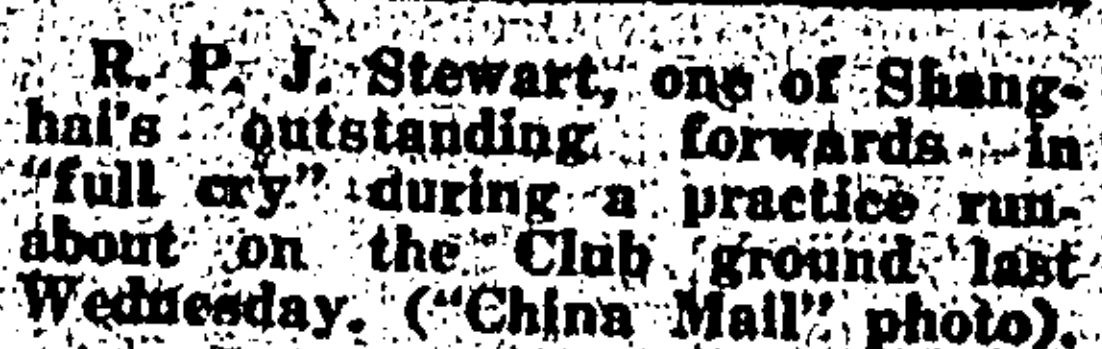
# Lt. Gudgeon Transferred To Malaya

## Army's Rugby Loss

A powerful runner with a splendid defence, Lt. Gudgeon played for South Malaya in representative matches before he came to the Colony.

## Colony Tennis Entries Close To-day

The first of the Hong Kong  
 and Macao Chinese Lawn Tennis  
 Association's 1995 season is a 4 day in-  
 door tennis tournament. The event  
 will be held at the new sports  
 centre, which is the venue for the world  
 table tennis championship and  
 the Asian tennis championship. The event  
 will be held at the same  
 place.



# CHANGE IN U. SERVICES RUGBY TEAM

## Cullinan III And Page In Back Row

His place has been filled by Pte. Berry, who has been moved up from the back-row, while L/Bdr. Page, of the 5th A.A. Regt. R.A., will fill the wing-forward vacancy. The latter has played for Army in the Triangular Tournament for the past two seasons. The United Services team will now read:—

A. B. Hunt (Eagle); F/O. Thomas (Eagle); Pay. Lt. Stevens (Kent) (Captain); P.-O. Askwith (Bainty) and Pay. Mid. Hankin (Kent); Lt. Skelton (Grampus) and F/O. Medd (Eagle); Ldg. Sea. Romans (Eagle); Shpt. Staples (Eagle); A. B. Thatcher (Eagle); Pte. Berry (Middlesex), Sub. Lt. (A) Hain (Eagle); Lt. Anderson (Olympus), 2/Lt. N. H. Cuthbertson (R. Scots) and L/Bdr. Page (5th A.A. Regt. R.A.).

# STOOGES WIN KILDARE CUP POLO TOURNAMENT

Monro scored for third defences in the first chukker, and Penfold replied in the second chukker. Monro and Penfold scored. There was no score in the fourth chukker.

The prizes were presented to the winning team at the conclusion of the game by Mrs. George, wife of His Excellency Major-General A. E. Johnston, General Officer Commanding the British Troops in China, who was present.

The Kildare Cup final was followed by a triangular tournament between teams that had been eliminated from the competition, and which

# Lt. Chiverall Seriously Injured

## Severe Concussion From Rugby Incident

(By "REFEREE")

Chiverall went down on a ball during a loose rush and was accidentally kicked in the head, necessitating his leaving the field.

The severe concussion which he sustained, however, has taken a turn for the worse and Lieut. Chiverall was sent back to the Hospital where his condition is stated to be serious.

# AMATEUR SOCCER INTERNATIONAL AT BELFAST TO-DAY

England will meet Ireland in an amateur International Association Football encounter this afternoon at Belfast. In their last encounter at Belfast in 1937, Ireland won by 5 goals to 1.

## Next Sunday's Charity Soccer Match

Hardley (K.F.C.); Hoo Yung-sang (Kwong Wah); Sheehan (Middlesex); Honnball (K.F.C.); Bhatrao (St. Joseph's); Hau King-chuan (Eastern); Fowler (Club); Crocney (Middlesex); A. V. Gosang (St. Joseph's); Gapt. Saw (Middlesex); and Moss (Police).  
Reserves: — Emberson (R.A.O.C.); Rides (R.A.O.C.); E. Sanders (Club); Ulrick (K.F.C.) and Pickett (Police).  
Players are requested to report to the manager of the team, Mr. W. E. Hollands, at the dressing room at 5.30 p.m. Uniforms, knickerbockers and stockings will be supplied.

## CS.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Civil Service Cricket Club will hold another afternoon tennis tournament on Sunday, February 23, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Ten courts will be available, and it is proposed to introduce a kitchen hand and a trainee fee for the tournament will be \$1, and members are specially invited to bring their own rackets.

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### Commentary On Rugger Interport From The Valley

12.12.30 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.  
12.30 p.m.—12.30 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.  
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Tino Rossi (Vocal) and Orchestra Napolitain.  
1.30 p.m.—Rugger and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.40 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera. "La Fille De Madame Angot"—Overture (Lecocq); "Les Cloches De Corneville"—Overture (Planquette); "Vienna Symphony Orchestra" cond. by Paul Kerby.  
"Die Fledermaus"—Operetta in Brief (Joh. Strauss—arr. Hohné).  
Margarete Slezak (Soprano) and Erich Zimmermann (Tenor) with Chorus and Orchestra from the State Opera, Berlin (Sung in German).  
"The Gypsy Princess"—Selection (Kulman). De Groot & The New Victoria Orchestra.  
"Tolanthe"—Vocal Gems (Gilbert & Sullivan). Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.  
"The Maid of the Mountain"—Selection (Fraser-Simson). The London Palladium Orchestra Song by Rickard.

# To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.  
(0.52 megacycles)

don Palladium Orchestra Song by Rickard.  
2.15 p.m.—Tino Rossi (Vocal) and Orchestra Napolitain.  
2.45 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.  
3 p.m.—Vocal Gems (Gilbert & Sullivan). Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.  
3.15 p.m.—London Relay—Lucky Dip Fourth Edition. Presented by William Macburg with listeners' corner edited by Arnold Thomas. Songs, anecdotes and stories contributed by listeners and other parties.  
Episode 4: "Countess of Salsburgh". Written in 1935 for the broadcast by Brenda Dudley on a synopsis by Berkeley Gray with George Curzon as Salsburgh and Brian Lawrence as Tinker. The music played by the Lucky Dip Orchestra led by

Rae Jenkins under the direction of Jack Clarke.  
7.30 p.m.—Latest Dance Hits. Quickstep, "Teacher's Pet", Fox-Trot—Love Makes The World Go Round (from "These Foolish Things"). "Happy Hail" & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.  
Waltzes—Colorado Sunset (from the film); That Night In Avalon.  
Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.  
Fox-Trot—Daydreaming (film "The Gay Impostors"). "I Wanta Go Back To Bali" (film "The Gay Impostors"). Rudy Vallee & His Connecticut Yaddess with Vocal Refrain.  
Fox-Trot—Penny Serenade; Waltz—The Humming Waltz. Mantovani & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.  
Fox-Trot—Let Me Whisper. Horace Heidt & His Alerte Brigadiers with Vocal Chorus.  
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital by Doreen Ma.  
1. Small Fry.  
2. You Go To My Head.  
3. (a) If I Were You; (b) My Own; (c) Don't Be That Way.  
4. My Reverie (based on Debussy's "Reverie").  
5. On The Sentimental Side.  
8.20 p.m.—Quentin Maclean at the Organ.  
The Clouds Will Soon Roll By (Woods & Brown) with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan.  
"King Of Jazz"—Selection (Yellen, Ager, etc.) with Regal Cinema Orchestra conducted by Emanuel Starkey.  
8.31 p.m.—Noel Coward in Musical Comedy.  
The Stately Homes Of England ("Operette"—Coward); Where Are The Songs We Sung ("Operette"—Coward). Noel Coward (Baritone) with His Majesty's Theatre Orch. cond. by Francis M. Collinson.  
Scene From "Shadow Play" ("To-Night at 8.30"—Coward); 1. Intro: Play, Orchestra, play; 2. Intro:

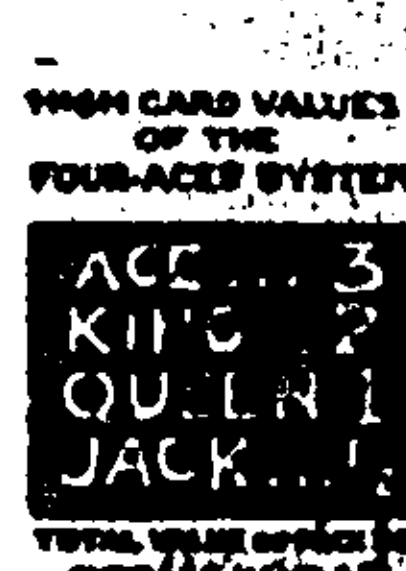
### Doreen Ma In Studio Piano Recital

You were there... Gertrude Lawrence's Noel Coward... The Phoenix Theatre Orch. London cond. by Clifford Greenwood.  
Parisian Pierrot (Coward)... Noel Coward acc. by The Phoenix Theatre Orch. London cond. by Clifford Greenwood.  
8.50 p.m.—London Relay—'London Log'.  
9 p.m.—London Relay—Irish Rhythms. William John McDaid (Baritone) and A Section of the B.B.C. Northern Ireland Orchestra conducted by David Curry.  
Orchestra: Jig. How are you now, Kitty?; Air. Play the Little Bag; Reel. Flannel Jacket (arr. Curry); Hornpipe; Tailor's Twist (arr. Fitzgerald).  
William John McDaid: The Gentle Maiden (Arthur Somervell); The Jug of Punch (Charles Wood).  
Orchestra: Medley of Irish Jigs; Paddy and Dandy; Two Airs: (1) The Little Horse; (2) The Gypsy Caravan; Reel, Miss McCloud (arr. Curry).  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
9.50 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.  
(a) Duo de Criollo; (b) Rodriguez Pena; (c) Son Retozon; (d) Gloria de Granada.  
10.05 p.m.—Interval of recorded music from E.B.W.  
10.10 p.m.—(a) Small Fry; (b) Swing Low Sweet Chariot; (c) Restless; (d) Wacky Dust.  
10.25 p.m.—Interval of recorded music from Z.B.W.  
10.35 p.m.—(a) Foolin' Myself; (b) Old Apple Tree; (c) Moments like this; (d) Christopher Columbus.  
10.50 p.m.—Interval of recorded music from Z.B.W.  
11.00 p.m.—(a) Tales from the Vienna Woods; (b) Le Bonheur qui passe; (c) On the Hills of Manchuria; (d) Daisy.  
11.15 p.m.—Interval of recorded music from Z.B.W.  
11.20 p.m.—(a) I have eyes; (b) A Tisket A Tasket; (c) Taint Good; (d) Sheik of Araby.  
11.35 p.m.—Interval of recorded music from Z.B.W.  
11.45 p.m.—(a) Moon-Glow; (b) Shine; (c) Aloha-oe; (d) East Side Kick.  
12 midnight—Close down.

## Winning CONTRACT

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### WHAT PARTNER'S PASS MEANS

Howard Schenken was your partner yesterday, both sides were vulnerable, and you held:

The bidding:  
Maier You Jacoby Schenken  
1♠ Dbl. Redbl. Pass  
Pass 1♠

ANSWER: Bid two clubs. This question is a corollary to Monday's, which was answered yesterday. Your partner's pass for one spade redoubled merely shows that he does not possess a reserve bid; hence he is calling on you to take out the redouble.

Score 100% for two clubs, 50% for two hearts (it is preferable to rescue in the lower of your two suits), 0 for pass.

### QUESTIONS NO. 27

David Bruce Burnetts is your partner, and you hold:

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow)

### BRIDGE HINTS

Duplicate Bridge  
Wm. D. Maier  
Both sides vulnerable

1♠ 1♥ 1♦ 1♣ 1NT 2♣ 2♦ 2♥ 2♠ 2NT 3♣ 3♦ 3♥ 3♠ 3NT 4♣ 4♦ 4♥ 4♠ 4NT 5♣ 5♦ 5♥ 5♠ 5NT 6♣ 6♦ 6♥ 6♠ 6NT 7♣ 7♦ 7♥ 7♠ 7NT

Freak hands are a delight to all Bridge lovers, and especially to Duplicate players, for then there is an added pleasure in comparing with the players at other tables the results obtained.

The bidding shown above, which was atrocious on East's part, gave this particular North-South pair a cold top score. After West's shut-out bid of four spades, North chose to overcall with five diamonds (North should have made a conventional bid of four notrump, which commands partner to take out in his best suit). East's double of five diamonds was his first blunder. If he had passed, the bidding would probably have gone no further, and by defeating this contract undoubled, he would have obtained a top score. His double served to send his opponents scurrying to hearts and, being void, East should have known this would happen. Willing to incur a penalty, West now continued to five spades, and North naturally contracted for six hearts. East's defensive bid of six spades was a blunder and would have been defeated only one trick. When the bidding reverted to North, he decided to gamble on a Grand Slam, which seemed quite feasible provided a club were not opened. West made his worst blunder when he doubled seven hearts. A member, East had already doubled five diamonds, and his double of seven hearts was simply a declaration of bankruptcy. Needless to say, West's contract was defeated by one trick. (Copyright 1936, By The Four Aces)

## What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE MAJESTIC—"The Drum." Alexander Korda's thrilling and spectacular drama of India's famous Northwest Frontier, based on a story by E. W. Maclagan, with E. V. Rieu, Massey, Roger Livesey, Valerie Hobson, Desmond Tester, and a cast of many thousands.


AT THE ORIENTAL—"Ben Hur." Revival of a great comedy when Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy join the Foreign Legion, the war is as good as over, there is still time, however to some of the funniest slapstick ever screened.

AT THE CATHAY—"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Walt Disney's first feature-length animated production is a wonderland of thrills, fun and romantic drama, with total appeal for juveniles and grownups. Everybody has read Grimm's folk tales, in whose fascinating pages "Snow White" and her little dwarf pals are born. There's a never-to-be-forgotten treat awaiting fans in its marvellously appealing film version presented in full technicolor.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Gunga Din." With Victor MacLagen, Gary Grant, Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and Joan Fontaine. The adventures of three British sergeants and a loyal native water carrier during a struggle against a religious uprising of thugs in India provide a suspenseful drama in this screen version based on the Rudyard Kipling poem, "GUNGA DIN".

AT THE KING'S—"Alexander's Ragtime Band." A cavalcade of Irving Berlin's ear-tempting songs, brought to you by the most perfectly balanced cast ever seen in a romantic musical comedy. With Tyrone Power, Alka Faye, Don Ameche, Ethel Merman, Jack Haley, Jean Parvillet, Helen Westley, John C. Campbell, Paul Bonest, Wally Vernon and 30 other performers.

AT THE STAR—"The Great Gatsby." The beautiful, romantic, and thrilling story of the rise and fall of Jay Gatsby, a man who has everything, money, power, and beauty, but who is unable to win the love of the woman he loves. With Tobey, Melvyn Douglas, and a cast of stars.



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## TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Entries close TO-DAY at 6 p.m.

THE HONG KONG  
JOCKEY CLUBANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1939.  
25th, 27th, and 28th February,  
and 1st and 4th March

On SATURDAY, 25th, MONDAY, 27th, TUESDAY, 28th February and WEDNESDAY, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 11 a.m., and the first race will be run at 1.30 a.m. On SATURDAY, 4th March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND  
ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax — or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amahs will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

## SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box Holders only on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order

C. B. BROWN

Secretary

Hong Kong, 18th February, 1939

NEW  
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## PUBLIC AUCTION

**PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd day of February, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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		As per sale plan					10,450	120	1,354

NATURALIZATION  
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Alexander Paul Zaremba of 42, Hankow Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

## CHURCHES

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Sunday Service, 11.15 a.m.

Subject:—"MIND"

The Sunday School is held at 10 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. A Reading Room is located in the Church Building and is open:—

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## COMPANY MEETINGS

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1939, to FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th January, 1939.

HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 13th February to SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1939, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 6th February, 1939.

THE HONGKONG  
ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on THURSDAY, 9th March, 1939 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1938, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 28th February to 9th March, 1939, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS,  
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Hong Kong, 16th February, 1939.

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## Japanese Buy Bren Guns In Czechoslovakia

Prague, To-day.

A Japanese mission is stated to have placed a considerable order with the Brno armament factories, where Bren guns are manufactured.

The mission, which consists of senior naval officers, has spent a week in Czecho-Slovakia.

The mission has also contacted the Czech Ministry of Defence with a view to purchase of surplus army equipment.

Germany, Yugo-Slavia and Rumania are also negotiating purchase of army material.

The Germans are particularly interested in heavy artillery, while the Yugo-Slavs are purchasing aircraft. — Reuter.

## NEW TAXATION ON HEAVY OILS USED FOR ROAD TRANSPORT

As predicted recently, Government is to impose new taxation for road transport, using Diesel engines and therefore heavy oils.

A lengthy new Ordinance appears in draft form in to-day's Gazette, "to consolidate and amend the law relating to the taxation of hydrocarbon oils."

In the objects and reasons, it is stated:

1. Light hydrocarbon oils, as defined in clause 2 (h) and (k) of this Bill including the oils specified in the fourth schedule thereto have had to pay a duty under section 6 (1) of the Motor Spirit Ordinance, No. 4 of 1930.

2. This duty was originally 15 cents per gallon, but it was raised to 25 cents in 1931 and to 30 cents in 1936.

3. It is now proposed to impose a similar duty on such heavy

hydrocarbon oils as are to be used as fuel in heavy oil road vehicles.

### NEW ORDINANCE

4. To give effect to this proposal by amendment of 1930 Ordinance would involve amending its title and almost every section therein and regulation thereunder.

5. It has been decided therefore that it would be preferable to replace the 1930 Ordinance by a new Ordinance in which all its provisions and the regulations thereunder have been reviewed and revised not only in the light of the new proposal relating to heavy oils, but also in the light of importation and export by ship, air, road or train. The development of air-traffic, the building of a road to China and the linking up of railways in China having made such review and revision necessary.

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Five R.A.M.C. men were involved in a nasty accident while joy-riding in a hired car at Castle Peak last night.

The car was approaching the jetty at Castle Peak when it struck a protruding rock, somersaulted and remained lying on its side.

An ambulance was summoned and three of the men were taken to hospital. The other two stood by the wreck pending the arrival of a breakdown car.

Milo, Hunan, To-day.

Chinese forces are tightening their grip on Yoyang, according to Chinese military advices.

In an attempt to dislodge the Chinese in the Yanglowsze area, north of Yoyang, two Japanese columns closed in on the Chinese there yesterday. They were met and engaged at Linsiang, northeast of Yoyang. Heavy fighting took place.—Central News.

Sian, To-day.

Chinese forces have re-occupied Juicheng, in south Shansi, according to military despatches reaching here to-day.—Central News.

Chungking, To-day.

Determination to eliminate corruption and delinquencies in officialdom is voiced in a mandate issued by the National Government on February 17.

Emphasizing the importance of a clean government in the struggle for national existence, the mandate enjoins officials to set a good moral example for the nation.

Severe punishment is threatened of officials found guilty of corruption or neglecting their duties.—Central News.

The Gazette to-day contains the draft of an Ordinance amending the Incitement to Disaffection Bill.

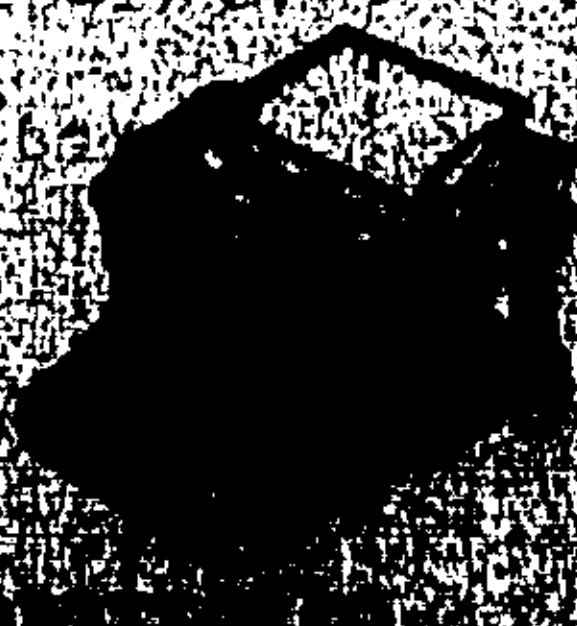
Principal change is to extend the scope of the original Ordinance to cover seduction or attempted seduction of Police Reservists and other reserve forces.

The object is to make provision similar to that which exists in the United Kingdom under the Incitement to Disaffection Act, 1934, for the prevention and punishment of endeavours to seduce members of His Majesty's forces from their duty or allegiance, and to include within its ambit the attempted seduction of members of the local Naval, Military and Police forces, corps and reserve.

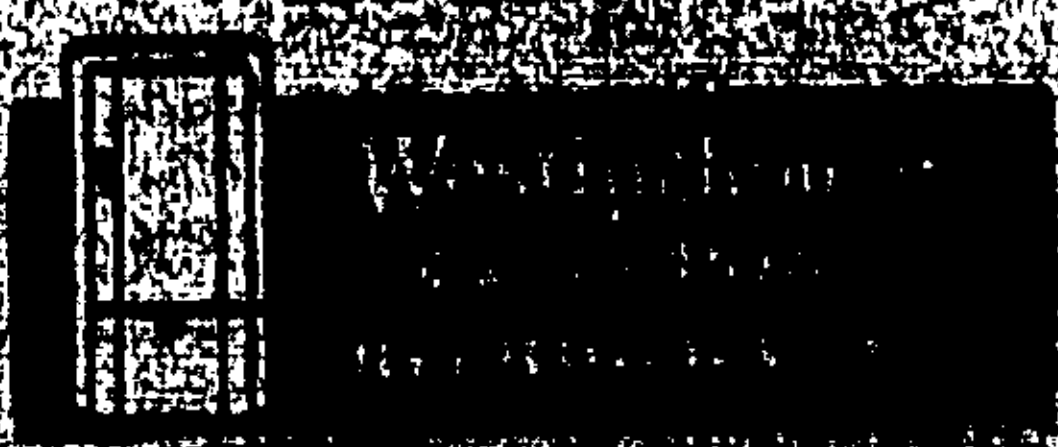
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